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By LAURIE
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Jusuf Hatunic, 31, arrived from Yugoslavia last Sunday to help lift Footscray J.U.S.T. clear of the relegation zone.

The club had reappointed coach Peter Jaksa a few days earlier. In Jaksa's first game back, J.U.S.T. drew 0-0 with Brisbane City in Brisbane, and climbed to 12th place, two points clear of the last two positions.

Points are more important to J.U.S.T. than to the other relegation candidates because Green Gully Ajax, which is set to win its second successive State League championship, is standing by to take J.U.S.T.'s place in the PSL.

The only other struggling team facing a challenge at the moment is Brisbane City. It is reported that the Queensland Soccer Federation may apply to field a team in Brisbane City's place.

Hatunic, who stands at 192 cm, is described as the finest player to wear the J.U.S.T. colors.

He was in Yugoslavia's 1974 World Cup in West Germany, and although he did not take the field in that series, he has played for Yugoslavia 14 times.

He also represented his country 25 times at under 23 level.

Hatunic, who will be 32 on October 17, spent seven years with Sloboda Tuzla and six years with his latest club, Partizan Belgrade.

He had a brief spell in Turkey and there were moves for a possible transfer to the New York Cosmos before he returned to Partizan.

Hatunic is a sweeper but also can play in midfield.

He will play his first game for J.U.S.T. against Sydney Olympic at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, on Sunday, and will stay on until the end of the season.

Hatunic is only the third new player at J.U.S.T. this year.

The others are midfielder Vlado Piljevalje, formerly of Red Star Belgrade, and Mendo Ristovski who returned to the club after stints with South Melbourne Hellas and Juventus (Vic.).

Jaksa was called back last week to take over from coach Milenko Ruzmir. Jaksa coached J.U.S.T. briefly early in the season and achieved good results before he returned to Adelaide. He will commute be-

tween Melbourne and Adelaide for the rest of the season.

Hatunic is the latest in an impressive array of guest players seen in Australia this year. They have included Craig Johnston of Liverpool (Newcastle KB), Alan Sunderland of Arsenal (Brisbane Lions), Alan Ball of Southampton (Athena, WA), Ted MacDougall of Scotland (Athena, now St George) and of course Peter Sharpe of Hong Kong club Eastern, who returned briefly to Marconi.

Doubt on Cosmos

Doubt has been cast on the proposed game between Victoria and the New York Cosmos in October.

The VSF announced two weeks ago that it would pay Cosmos \$100,000 for at least one match in Melbourne, and then went ahead and chose a State squad for the game.

But a cable received by Channel 9 commentator Mike Hill from the Cosmos says that no game has yet been confirmed in Australia.

Hill, who works for a subsidiary of Warner Communications, owners of the Cosmos, has been trying to arrange a tour by the Cosmos on behalf of the Phillips League.

PSL cash?

• Melbourne-based promotions company Consolidated Royce has called a Press conference next Tuesday to outline its strategy for gaining sponsorship for the Phillips League.

Match soon for 'Roos

First plans for development of Australia's campaign for the 1986 World Cup will be unveiled in Sydney on August 27.

World Cup committee chairman Peter McCann is hoping for a match to start the ball rolling later this year.

He said: "That match will produce the skeleton of the team and then we will endeavor to meet coach Les Scheinflug's requirement for a series of competition matches."

"We have had the chairman, Sir Arthur George's assurance of continued sponsorship through the West Nally group."

McCann's current problem is to gain matches for the national youth team in preparation for the first World Youth Championships in Port Moresby in December.

The team will receive first class opportunities to show its wares at the Havelange Cup in Mexico in November and possibly in the United States as well.

There is a distinct gap in which matches will not be available for many of the players in September and October.

He said: "About six of the squad will be involved in finals series in the Phillips League and the State Leagues and we can't allow the others to go without competitive play."

"Enquiries are being made for an overseas tour for the rest of the squad."

The youth squad went into camp last week under Scheinflug.

• John O'Shea (left) of St George and Alan Davidson of Hellas, in an aerial challenge last Sunday. Davidson was sent off over a clash with O'Shea and will miss next Sunday's game against Adelaide City. O'Shea and his brothers Mike and Rob, on the other hand, will be key men in the top-of-the-table tussle with Sydney City (see page 9). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Brown fined, suspended

Preston Makodonia's top scorer Doug Brown has been suspended by the club for two weeks and fined \$300.

Team mate George Todorov was fined \$100 but was not suspended.

Brown served the first week of his suspension against Marconi last Sunday and also will miss the match against Brisbane Lions this week.

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Mike Valentine



Marconi is one of many clubs to have introduced young local players this year. They include Steve Calderon, Attila Carbono, Rene Licata and Tom McCulloch. From left, back row: Henderson, Duvnjak, Calderon, Jankovics, Maher, Veneri, Silva, coach Kapetanovic, Mariani. Front row: Carbono, Colusso, Hunter, Licata, Bosanac, Picciano, Vieri, McCulloch, Djordjevic, Budini, Praskalo.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

It's been a big year for graduations.

Like a brilliant crop of university students, the best of a new generation of soccer stars has emerged fresh-faced, and ready to make a mark on the world.

David Lowe is playing with energy and imagination in Newcastle's attack. Paul Carter has made an excellent debut in APIA's defence. Robbie Dunn of West Adelaide started the season by inspiring headlines every time he played. Rene Licata and Steve Calderon have been among Marconi's best. Bevan Bohan already is a feared midfielder at Brisbane City. Robbie Slater astounded everyone after St. George plucked him out of Auburn's third grade team, and Paul Simic has rewarded J.U.S.T.'s faith in him by scoring eight goals so far.

They're all local players who have surged through the ranks.

So too if Mike Valentine, the most recent of the graduates.

Valentine, 19, took his first faltering steps into Phillips League soccer as a Heidelberg substitute against Canberra in round 17, after his \$5000 transfer

from Box Hill of the Victorian First Division.

A week earlier, Heidelberg coach Len McKendry had promoted another 19-year-old, Chris Bekiaris, from the club's Second Division team. The inclusion of Bekiaris and Valentine altered Heidelberg's formation, for it now had two players wide — Bekiaris on the right wing and Valentine overlapping from midfield down the left.

Both players caught the eye more and more as the weeks went by and Valentine's big day — or rather night — came in a Phillips Cup match against Macedonia, when he scored the winning goal with a thunderous 30-metre drive.

Two weeks ago, against South Melbourne Hellas, Valentine was among the best players on the ground. Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos was moved to comment: "It took a long time for me to be convinced that we should buy a player who had played no more than First Division soccer, but now I couldn't be more pleased. With this sort of form, Mike Valentine is a permanent name on the team sheet."

And so Valentine joins the above list of local newcomers to the PSL, a list that includes also Socrates Nicolaidis of Hellas, Jim Murray of Canberra, Rob de Ceglie of APIA, Con Opasinas of Makedonia and Craig Lowe of Brisbane Lions.

Mike Valentine, a second-year mechanical engineering student at Monash University, started soccer in the under eights of Ringwood Wilhelmina, then played for Nunawading from under 10



Chris Bekiaris — the other new boy at Heidelberg.

to under 14 levels, and switched to Box Hill as an under 15 player.

From that under 15 team, coached by former Macedonia and Juventus defender Wally Patterson, Valentine progressed to the senior team along with Peter Verechia, Scott Patterson, Greg McLeod and Ian Roodhouse.

Patterson and Roodhouse, plus young midfielder Pedro Ramos of Box Hill, also are good enough to play in the PSL, says Valentine. Indeed, Footscray J.U.S.T. already has expressed interest in them.

Valentine's younger brother Keith, 18, a midfielder, also may do big things. He is making a comeback with the Box Hill reserves after a couple of years out of soccer, but he has the necessary skill and needs only to work on his running power to follow in Mike's footsteps.

It is running power that is Mike's greatest asset.

An arrangement between McKendry and Box Hill coach Bill Murray gave Valentine the opportunity to do pre-season training with Hel-

delberg and it was during this period that Valentine excelled in long, hard runs. In sets of 100 metre sprints, interspersed by slower runs, Valentine was up there with Heidelberg's fastest players, Charlie Yankos and Theo Selemidis. He was beating Gary Cole, for Cole's forte is shorter distances. "In the shorter sprints, no-one can match Gary," Valentine says.

McKendry wanted to buy Valentine after the pre-season work, but Heidelberg at the time could not afford the \$5000 transfer fee.

The club finally bought him after transfer-listing Jimmy Rooney, Andy Boziskas and Tom Tasevski.

He says he did not notice bitterness among the other players over the sacking of the well-respected Rooney.

"There was however a lot of curiosity," he says. "They all wanted to know exactly what had happened. Things were pretty confused."

erness among the players is better than at most clubs. There are no enemies," Valentine says.

McKendry set to work on perfecting his recruit. According to Valentine, McKendry demanded that Valentine add defensive components to his midfield play — things like supporting the man going for the tackle, pressure on the ball, and dropping back to cover for overlapping players.

Valentine also worked on free kicks and corners, and the finer points of attacking wide on the left. It's all helping to make him a better player.

"My bad habit was ball watching," he says. "So now I'm picking up men or covering space instead."

How does a rookie from the lower leagues feel when he goes out for his first game in the big league? "My main fear was whether I had the ability to do it," he says, frankly. "At Box Hill I hadn't been over-impressive really; I'd scored only five goals this year, and I didn't know whether I could make it two divisions higher."

"I noticed the difference straight away. Although play is faster, and the players have more up top, they give you more time on the ball. They wait to have a look at what you can do, and perhaps try to intercept your pass, rather than chop you down from behind the way they do in the First Division. It suits my game much better."

"I didn't start feeling



Box Hill coach Bill Murray.

really confident until I scored against Preston but in the games leading up to that, I felt I was holding my place reasonably well."

"I suppose to a certain extent, I'd seen what players do in the PSL and I knew I could do it too, but I still have a long way to go. I need to improve a lot more."

As a junior, Valentine ran 800m and 1500m events for his school and for an athletics club in Box Hill, but now he gets his fitness only from soccer — training three times a week with Heidelberg, rather than twice a week with Box Hill.

Another thing he's learning is that he has to pace himself in matches. He found in a Cup game against Hellas which went into extra time that you can't run non-stop at full speed without paying the penalty. "I got very tired in that game," he says, "and during extra time I cramped up badly."

He and the other young Box Hill players owe a lot to their coach Bill Murray and in fact it was Murray's influence that drew Heidelberg's attention to Valentine.

"Bill has done all the coaching courses, he knows the game inside out and he's very good with young players," Valentine says. "He helped me tremendously. Before he came, we didn't have much guidance; we were playing off the cuff. He taught us what the game was all about."

Box Hill is almost certain to be promoted to the State League, but to do well there, it will need at least three new players, according to Valentine. "They'll need a midfielder and two defenders, one of them to replace Don Brownlie, who's probably in his last season after giving great service to the club for such a long time."

Valentine hopes that, more than anything, the fans will flock to Box Hill in the State League. The Hillmen have been up in top company a few times before, but public support for the club never has been high enough.

"We've got great social rooms down there, an excellent ground, and a big, covered grandstand. Spectators get value for money when they come to Wembley Park."

At Box Hill, Valentine was used to operating with a top-class forward line. It's no different at Heidelberg, which boasts Gary Cole and Jamie Paton.

"Cole is a top player, of course, but he would like to improve his success ratio against goalkeepers. However, he does a lot of work to get into scoring situations, and most people tend to miss that. Jamie is a good opportunist, who can come from anywhere to poach a goal when it's most needed, and he's very skilful on the ball."

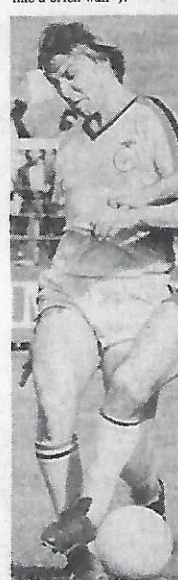
Valentine's two games against Hellas have been the highlights so far, apart from that goal against Macedonia. What, we wanted to know, were McKendry's instructions to his players at half time, when they led 2-0 in the league game last Sunday week?

"He told us not to allow a repeat of the Sydney Olympic game, when we lost 2-3 after being two up at half time. We had to be tight in midfield, and we had to continue playing a strong, aggressive, running game. If Hellas had scored a goal, we could have been in trouble. But I thought they'd put on a better performance than that. They just played a lot of long balls in the air, which our defenders picked out easily."

But Heidelberg needs more consistency, he adds. "We've been running hot and cold — hot at home and cold away. If we become more consistent, we should get into the top four."

As for his own future, he's not thinking about representative soccer just yet, even though his mate Scott Patterson played for Victoria against Warrford. "I have to put in the work before anything like that can happen," he says. "I'm just looking at playing for Heidelberg as long as I can, working hard to improve and enjoying my soccer."

In the Phillips League there are lots of examples for him to follow. The players who have impressed him most so far are Peter Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos of Olympic ("they ripped up apart in midfield"), Tony Brennan of Canberra ("he's a very fast player"), and Arno Bertogna of Wollongong ("he's excellent in the air, and he's like a brick wall").



Arno Bertogna — "solid as a rock".

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IT'S HEIDELBERG AND LIONS FOR THE FINAL!



Jamie Paton

Tony Brennan

Heidelberg Alexander and Brisbane Lions are heading for the Phillips Cup Final on Wednesday, September 12.

It's unlikely that Canberra and APIA can throw Heidelberg and Lions off course when these four battle it out in next Wednesday night's semi-finals.

The battlegrounds for the games which kick-off at 7.30pm, are Melbourne's Olympic Park where Heidelberg takes

on Canberra and St George Stadium in Sydney where APIA and Lions clash.

History favors Lions getting to the final of the competition they won by defeating West Adelaide last year. Brisbane clubs have an outstanding record in this cup, winning three of the five put up for grabs so far.

Heidelberg, with much the same squad of players, was the beaten finalist in the 1980 Phillips Cup. Like Lions the Bergers have experience on their side.

Lions look to have the harder task against APIA in Sydney. Italian sponsored APIA can expect a few thousand fervent supporters at next Wednesday's semi and coach Peter Wilson probably would welcome a vocal home crowd, as he sets about finding the spark which APIA momentarily lost earlier this year and which resulted in the sacking of coach Willie Wallace.

Wilson has the sort of character to immediately

command respect from his players and he will ask them for a supreme effort on Wednesday.

The Phillips Cup represents perhaps the last chance the four semi-finalists have of glory in 1982 although Heidelberg and APIA are eyeing a top four berth in the league.

Coach Wilson probably will line-up at the heart of APIA's defence so he will be well placed to come to terms with Lions' formidable strike

force of Ron Millman, Calvin Daunt and Billy Williamson.

I think this trio are Lions' trump card and will carry the club into the final at APIA's expense.

Obviously Lions' coach Joe Gilroy will assign a marker for elusive Marshall Soper. Frankly, without Soper on song, APIA's avenues to goal are narrowed considerably.

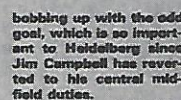
Mark Pullen and coach Wilson may rule the airwaves against tall Daunt but the pace of Millman and Williamson's finishing ability are the greatest threats to APIA.

Heidelberg Alexander is my tip as the Phillips Cup winner in 1982.

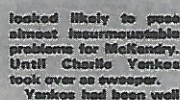
The seemingly harder tasks completed (knocking out South Melbourne Helles and Preston Macedonia), the Melbourne based club will start Wednesday night's game as long odds-on favorite against struggling Canberra.

Jamie Paton wasn't fit when he started this season but in recent weeks he's been one of Heidelberg's best. The deft lay-off, one-two and defence splitting passes which are the hallmarks of this fine target man's game are back to their best.

And Paton has been



Calvin Daunt



Marshall Soper

bobbing up with the odd goal, which is so important to Heidelberg since Jim Campbell has reverted to his central mid-field duties.

It's been said before but bears repetition because it's fact - Heidelberg thrives on the wide, well surfaced pitch of Olympic Park's main ground.

And powerful off-the-ball running of Gary Cole is seen at its best here and you can almost put your money on the big, blond striker breaking through into a couple of one-on-ones with the Canberra keeper.

For my money Tony Brennan is Canberra's best striker. I've long been impressed with the pace of Brennan and like Cole he should find Olympic Park a joy to play on.

That comment could be qualified by rugged Don Macleod. This aggressive Scot can make life hell with his ferocious tackling but if Brennan goes wide then it's unlikely that Macleod will pick him up.

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry can be well pleased with the results of his reorganisation of the side this year.

Obviously the Bergers lack depth and the loss of John Yzendoorn through injury, the best sweeper in the PSL,

looked likely to pose almost insurmountable problems for McKendry. Until Charlie Yankos took over as sweeper.

Yankos had been well groomed as the new left back, replacing Jim Tansy who was recovering from an operation to reconstruct a knee. Indeed Yankos excelled at left back then made the switch to sweeper look relatively easy.

Tansy is back and just about the Tansy of old. There's no more cultured left foot in the league than the one belonging to this former Seccoros. There's no fluster to Tansy's game, in fact sometimes he looks to be going at a pace apart from everyone else on the field. It's Tansy's excellent positional sense which allows him to moulder up and down the left side almost at will.

Heidelberg looks too classy for Canberra but there's no doubt that the wily George Murray will come up with a few surprises for the Melbourne team.

Murray himself though may be in for a surprise. He probably doesn't know much about young Micky Valentine but at about 5pm on Wednesday night the name Valentine may start to haunt Murray all the way back to Canberra.

Flashback to Croatia's golden year in 1968. Michael Kis is in the background, third from left.



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Michael Kis is back at the coaching helm of Melbourne Croatia as the club tries to revive the glory days of 1968 when, Kis controlled, it won the State League by seven points and the Docherty, Ampol and Mintooff Cups.

It was a clean sweep for Croatia as there was no State League Cup then.

Impeccably dressed on match days, it's surprising to see Kis, 64, at training wearing a baggy tracksuit, whistle at the ready. Even more surprising is the discovery that this silver haired saviour is a Bachelor of Economics from the Croatian university in Zagreb. Indeed, it Kis handles the buying and selling of players as well as he handled company transactions in his native Osijek then Croatia's assault on the 1983 State League already has gathered momentum.

The players may not know it but they are under the microscope until the end of this season. Kis believes that Croatia needs at least one more quality player in every department - goalkeeping, defence, midfield and attack. He'll be coaching Croatia next year provided he can "find a common language with the players, committee and supporters". He's a big name among the Croatian community so his major challenge is to gain respect from today's players.

Every training session is an arena for Kis to take up that challenge.

Towards the end of a session last week he broke his squad into two groups. One group of players formed a circle with two in the middle trying to win the ball being shunted back and forward snappily by the players forming the circle.

About 20 metres away the other group were put through a series of short sprints, "to sharpen them up", Kis explained after the session.

There was cheating galore in both groups. Then Kis broke the squad up into two sides for a short game of two touch.

After about 10 minutes a player shouts "well, are we using a defence or what," and it echoes across the Olympic Park training ground in an accent as thick as north of England treacle. Kis is unperturbed.

Elvio Pugliese fails to score from his fourth one-on-one against the opposing keeper. Pugliese though is a keeper himself and accustomed to playing up front. His team mates call him back into defence. "Don't listen to them Elvio, you stay where you are," says Dave Brogan who happens to be on the team opposed to Pugliese's side.

Josip Biskic cracks the ball over the bar, out of the ground and it bounces across Punt Road. Kis calls for another ball. One of the young players hurriedly obliges and the game restarts.

Then Pugliese finally scores, throws his arms skyward in triumph and yells something that sounds like: "Yeeeeeessssss, ooooo, aaaaah!" Jozo Antolovic, on Pugliese's side, just turns away and smiles.

A few minutes later Keith Adams' quickly taken free kick puts Ante Bilaver away and the score is 2-0. Kis's whistle blows to end the game.

He tells the players to finish off with a lap around the training ground but seems unaware that the squad is one shorter than when he started the session. One player is hiding behind a tree lining the pitch. As soon as the squad trudges off on its last lap the player sprints into the darkness and the eventual safety of the dressing room.

The session over Kis grabs Pugliese, Chris Kovac and Robert McCrae for goalkeeping practice.

Kis returns to the dressing room when most of the first team squad have gone.

"Some of the players do not respond to my methods yet but they need time," says Kis.

"How can you take over a team now, near the end of the season and work miracles? I have a set plan I work to. It involves a preparation of about six to eight weeks before the Ampol Cup at the start of each year."

"Croatia has changed its coach often in the past two years and obviously this affects the attitude and performance of the players."

"I would have been much happier if I had come here at the start of the year but that wasn't possible."

"I don't know why so many coaches were used recently. That's something you must ask the committee. Perhaps the club didn't

realise the importance of stability. Every coach needs at least two seasons to show what he can do."

Kis's track record is staggering. He played centre half then left back with the Croatian university sports club which years ago was one of the top three clubs in Yugoslavia.

He is a founder member of the Croatian Soccer Federation and was a member of the Croatian Coaches Federation and the Yugoslav Coaches Federation.

He returned to Osijek after completing his economics degree in Zagreb and was on the coaching staff of Osijek for almost 20 years. Under Kis the club won its way from Second Division into the First Division. He had a spell with Borovo, taking the club from the equivalent of a country league into the Yugoslav Second Division.

Kis and his family came to Australia in 1967 and Sydney Croatia was quick to snap up his services. The following year then president of Melbourne Croatia, Enver Begovic, and team manager Frank Burin lured Kis to Victoria.

"I brought in a 4-2-4 formation at Sydney and Melbourne Croatia and it was hard for the players, committee and supporters to accept it but once they saw the advantages they understood why I was doing this," said Kis.

"Sydney Croatia finished in the top four for the first time and in 1968 Croatia Melbourne won everything."

"When I came here Billy McIntyre was in the reserves and Hugh Gunn was just an ordinary player but they became two of the best known names in the club."

Kis stayed with Croatia in 1969 and 1970. He returned to Sydney in 1971 to start up a flourishing restaurant business but was lured back to Melbourne Croatia the following year when the club was expelled from the VSL.

"That expulsion was very sad for our club. There's no doubt that the decision to expel us was a political one. It has tarnished the image of the club and community ever since which has resulted in our inability to get help from a local council to establish our own ground."

"We need our own ground, social club and training facilities before we think about getting into the PSL and establishing ourselves there."

"We always have had trouble with poor training facilities. I remember back in 1968 when the council took the goalposts down from our training ground a week before the Docherty Cup final. I was so upset that I was going to resign. I couldn't believe that we could be treated like that."

Kis's hopes of a home for Melbourne Croatia could be realised soon. The committee is preparing a formal submission to the Kellor city council and hopes to establish itself there.

Melbourne Croatia is a club which has thrived on success during the past 20 years but for the second year running appears to have lost all hope of wresting the State League title away from the firm grip of arch rival Green Gully Ajax.

"I don't think that we can win the title now. The gap in points between us and Ajax is too big," said Kis.

"Ajax right now is a better team with far more experience than us."

"I don't think Croatia did the right thing last year when its transfer listed all those players. Look at them now, they're all playing in a high standard. It's hard to rebuild once you've lost so many quality players."

"We must concentrate on young talent but we also need quality, experienced players. The present team lacks this."

Kis replaced Bill McArthur as coach a few weeks ago and the local press wrote that McArthur was sacked because he refused to have sole selection rights taken out of his hands and placed with a selection panel. Kis though has no such problems.

"I am the boss. I have never worked with a selection committee and I pick the team myself."

"I listen to the opinion of others but in the end it's me that decides and I must stand or fall by my decision."

"It's important for a Croatian club to promote Croatian youth but if the youngsters aren't good enough they won't be selected. It's as simple as that. At all times you must put the best team out onto the park."

"Of this present squad I think that Ken Murphy is my best player. He understands the game, he is very skilful and you can give him a duty and he'll do it. Keith Adams is the same."

"Our aim now is to make sure that we play in the top four competition at the end of the year."

"If things work out then I'll be here next year. I can't say any more than that."



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Coady replaced Collins

Sydney Olympic coach Doug Collins obviously is not one to harbor grudges for his latest recruit, Mike Coady, once replaced him in the Sunderland first team!

That was in April, 1977, when manager Jimmy Adamson decided defender Coady was preferable to Collins the midfielder for relegation threatened Sunderland's important clash at Leeds United.

Thus the 19-year-old made his senior debut and performed creditably as the "Rokerites" secured a valuable point.

Coady had joined Sunderland less than two years earlier, having been recommended to the club by a teacher after impressing during an under 16 grade game.

Initially an apprentice professional, he

By PAUL MOON

wisely reverted to schoolboys' forms in order to complete his education, before signing as full time professional in July 1976.

Typically, a broken right leg interrupted his career during a vital phase, sidelining him for almost 12 months.

In five years at Roker Park, Coady was restricted to half a dozen league appearances before a \$40,000 transfer resulted in a move to third division Carlisle United.

Here the Dipton-born player enjoyed regular first team football, albeit for just one season. Coady made 45 League appearances in the 1980-81 campaign.



Mike Johnson

Craig

Johnston - a fierce competitor

I was tremendously impressed watching Craig Johnston in action for Newcastle KB United during his guest stint.

Johnston impressed on television with his confident manner.

He was even more impressive on the field where his tall muscular frame was vibrant with power and dynamism.

He is fast, can climb like a high jumper and has real kicking power.

He receives the ball well, passes it short or long and although he lacks true dribbling ability he is aware of where to run to find space for himself.

However, it was Johnston's competitiveness that impressed me the most.

From the very start he made it apparent that he was not a man on a busman's holiday.

He contested every ball that came his way - and these were far too few.

I was amazed the way his Newcastle team mates often ignored this young man of such outstanding ability.

He showed that he could take the ball whether marked or not and do something with it, yet so often the Newcastle players by-passed him, giving the ball to others less gifted.

The inner strength and competitiveness of this young man were seen after St George scored its first goal against Newcastle.

He threw a shinpad away, which I presume must have been bothering him and with one stocking down he tore into the St George defence in an effort to turn the game around. He was unable to do so and ironically it was the star St. George striker operating at the other end who eventually stole the show.

Dez Marton, fitter and faster than in early season, scored two goals on the break to leave Saints 3-0 winners.

Marton is a great player in his own right as I have mentioned previously. Nevertheless even his skill was not enough to dull the lustre of Johnston.

If he can keep free from injury I do believe that Johnston will play a very big role in the world game in the next 10 years.

He obviously has been taken by the skills of the South Americans as he very much favors one foot, his right, to produce a variety of skills much the same as they do.

He curls and bends the ball in typical South American style with his right foot.

He also showed he has the same power of shot at free kick situations.

It pleased me to see that he could also hit a powerful, well-directed shot with his left foot.

I had seen Johnston play several times for Liverpool, usually as a substitute.

I had noticed then how dynamic he was in the air but I had not realised how fast he was, or how powerfully built.

As a former full-time soccer player myself I had discovered how full-time training develops strength and the best players are usually very strong and able to withstand challenges for the ball, even if they are small.

Johnston certainly is not small and he is strong and not reluctant to use his strength.

Like Jim Hermiston, another truly professional player now in Australia, Johnston is all concentration and application.

When his team loses the ball he is aware of how and where to move to contain defenders and he puts pressure on them if there is a chance to snatch the ball - both aspects you would expect from a player with Liverpool.

Johnston played as central



Craig Johnston at Middlesbrough before joining Liverpool.

striker for Newcastle, whereas he is often an attacking midfielder with Liverpool. He has the attributes to succeed with a bigger bang. In fact, his lack of top dribbling and turning ability indicates a player who has been used to coming from behind for strikes on goal.

Overall one has to be very impressed by this young man.

He is bound to become increasingly important to Liverpool and so long as he keeps his feet on the ground and his head out of the clouds he will become Australia's first ever world class soccer superstar.



TIM WHITE

Victorian coaching director

The McDonald's Soccerroo Super Skills programme is now under way. Fully detailed kits have been sent to 10,000 clubs and schools throughout Australia, inviting participation in the scheme.

Clubs should now be introducing super skills into their coaching programme.

It may seem that this programme should have exploded with a bigger bang. In fact, a large number of clubs and coaches are awaiting further instructions.

The truth of the matter is that commencement of the programme in your clubs should not be reliant on those further instructions and all clubs should now have received their beginners' Super Skills Kit.

The scheme has been designed so that it can be implemented quite readily by each club within its own ranks.

The skills shown on the charts and in the booklet are designed so that a coach or organiser does not have to make a judgment on a player's skill level.

The tasks are specific and the player will succeed or fail. In the case of the latter, further practice is required which after all is the object of the exercise.

I have conducted some educational promotions of the scheme in Ballarat and Geelong for coaches.

It is perfectly clear to me

from those promotions that a number of coaches viewed the skills posters with trepidation and in simple terms were scared of the thing. Let me briefly explain my reasons for this.

A large number of our junior coaches have little or no background in the game, especially in a practical sense. These people, for various reasons, have found themselves responsible for a team.

We cannot be without these coaches and they, in the main, do a good job to the best of their ability. However a magnificent poster and booklet with a weird and a wonderful skill layout arrives in their hands and in a number of cases the reaction is: "I hope they don't expect me to teach this lot to the kids. Who do they think I am?"

As a consequence they shy away from it. And remember, a number of our ethnic friends may not even understand the poster.

So the answer to the above problem is an education programme. The skills on the poster must be seen by the coach as a whole range of new ideas for his training curriculum. The awards are to

TASMANIAN SCENE

By WALTER PLESS

Harrison may try again

It didn't take Ken Morton long to recognise the talent of goalkeeper, Robert Harrison. 19 Olympia's present custodian. While coach of Brighton-ICL, Morton secured Harrison from University and the youngster made his first-team debut at 16.

He soon proved his worth and Morton's good judgement, by saving three penalties out of five in one cup competition and four out of five in another, thus landing a couple of trophies for his club!

Shortly after Morton became coach of Wollongong, he signed Harrison. The lad played mainly in the reserves, cracking only one outing in the senior team, and that was for the final 15 minutes against Marconi. Wollongong lost that match 0-2, but Harrison didn't let in any of the goals.

Harrison returned to Tasmania during last season and played for South Hobart before signing for Olympia at the beginning of the present season. "I wasn't really getting anywhere at Wollongong. If I make it over here again, I'll go back. That's my ultimate aim."

Harrison, who was acknowledged as one of Tasmania's



Robert Harrison - learned at Wollongong

best keepers before his departure, learned much on the mainland. "Football in Tassie is a lot slower and not as professional. At Wollongong, we had a specialist goalkeeper coach, a former Scottish under 23 international. Training here is not as vigorous, whereas over there you regard it as a job and you're thinking about it all the time."

Loss of form is a worry for Harrison. "I'm well below standard. I don't know what it is at the moment. It's just not

clicking. Still, you just have to keep going, keep training, and try to get the problems ironed out. Training facilities here aren't crash hot, which might be, one factor contributing to it."

Harrison's father Ken, is a senior ASF coaching badge holder, and his mother, Pauline, used to play goalkeeper for a women's team, "Olympia's", not a bad team. There's a good club spirit. We'll have a good chance next year," he says.

A good move for Crosson

David Crosson, 39, Rapid-Wrest Point's new English sweeper, is settling well into Tasmanian soccer. The former Newcastle United and Darlington player hasn't regretted his decision to come to the island state.

"There was nothing to keep us in England. We thought it was a good idea to see another part of the world and play football at the same time," he says.

With over 30 English First Division games under his belt, the standard of soccer in Tasmania doesn't exactly overawe Crosson. "Some games are pretty good and some are pretty bad. Overall, it's very enthusiastic and everybody seems to enjoy themselves and that's all part and parcel of the game."

Crosson has friends here too. He played with Eric Young and Willy Coulson at Darlington.

Crosson acknowledges that Rapid could be doing better. "On paper we've got one of the strongest outfits in the league but I'd like to see us give a good 90 minute performance more often."

HAVE BOOTS WILL TRAVEL

Willy Coulson, 31, one of Croatia-Glenorchy's most recent signings from Victoria, certainly has been around since signing for England's Newcastle United at the age of 21.

Coulson played in Newcastle's first team during his three-year stint with the club. He toured the Far East and played against Pele's Santos in Hong Kong.

"We lost that match 4-2 and Pele scored a hat-trick in the space of nine minutes," he recalls. "My greatest thrill, however, was my debut for Newcastle against Derby County in the semi-final of the Texaco Cup, a match we lost 3-2."

Coulson was transferred to Southend for 15,000 pounds and played 120 first team games for the club before moving to Hong Kong for three seasons. From there he moved to Australia, then back to Hong Kong, and finally to Australia once again.

He played for Frankston City and Ringwood Wilhelmina in Victoria before joining Glenorchy-Croatia where he is playing successfully as a left-sided attacking midfielder.

"They've got a lot to learn here," he says. "The standard's not as good as in Victoria. In Victoria you're playing with better players, the pace is faster and there's more skill involved."

Coulson already has shown his abilities with Croatia. In Croatia's 4-1 drubbing of previously unbeaten White Eagles recently, Coulson showed his left foot, especially at set pieces is lethal. He recalls that display with a chuckle and says: "I can use the right one too sometimes, when it's necessary."



Willy Coulson (left) is welcomed by Croatia president Mike Furjanic.

McDonalds scheme in full swing



Tim White, Victorian Director of Coaching, gives a few words of advice to three members of the Victorian under-15 soccer team. The boys were in the Melbourne City Square to demonstrate the McDonald's Soccerroo Super Skills. This scheme, sponsored nationally by McDonald's Family Restaurants for \$750,000, is the official Australian Soccer Federation junior coaching scheme to be adopted by all soccer coaches in clubs and schools throughout Australia. From left: Ernie Tapai (Albion Rovers), Tim White, Ross Carrozza and Ugor (Yogi) Jukic (Essendon Croatia).

be seen by the player as a challenge.

Coaches must start at the light end and get the players practicing the skills before they concern themselves about the awards.

I will attend any meetings of groups of coaches and practically demonstrate the organisation of the Super Skills.

If your club wishes to organise such a meeting then get together with as many clubs as you can in your area and obviously this way I can help many clubs and coaches much more quickly.

There is no reason why your club should not be implementing the scheme now.

Twenty-two coaches attended the Geelong session which also received extensive media coverage.

Thirty-two coaches attended the Geelong session which also received extensive media coverage.

The Victorian under 15 team and I presented a two-hour demonstration of the skills in the City Square on a Saturday morning.

Jimmy Mills and John Kennedy conducted a similar pro-

motion at Southland Shopping Centre.

At the time of writing I am preparing for another promotion at Doncaster Soccer Club for clubs in that area.

I am conducting a basic skills course at Berwick on Wednesday nights over the next two weeks for 30 coaches and this will include a Super Skills demonstration.

I have already conducted a demonstration at two in-service day teachers' courses which included 58 primary teachers and 20 primary teachers.

I will be conducting another session for 40 primary school teachers on August 4 at, believe it or not, Collingwood Football Ground.

On that day I will be sharing the ground with Kevin Sheedy (football coach) who will be showing the teachers football skills while I obviously will concentrate on the round ball skills.

Brian Emery, in his capacity as national junior secretary, was in Melbourne on Monday, to address the JLMC on the origins of the McDonald's Super Skills.

The sponsorship is vital to the Australian Youth Soccer Development Fund. The Super Skills program is of vital importance to the development of young players as it is a scheme designed to help kids develop the basic skills of the game.

It is aimed at kids between 8-13 years. As a follow up to the skills program I am currently preparing a scheme for the possible introduction of soccer academies for kids from 13-15 years, so we can continue with the youngsters' education.

I have studied such an academy in the ACT and will be discussing its feasibility in Victoria with VSF and country area delegates.

Clubs can contact their regional co-ordinators who will help them set up super skill demonstrations in their respective regions.

The senior coach can play a vital part in the success of the scheme at the club. After all, it is in his club, the players' and the game's better interests to produce skillful players.

On the set of 'Pro soccer, '82'

— and Elton John may be next

By LAURIE SCHWAB

• A moment of levity on the set. Craig Watkins (left), the director, has no idea how that mistake happened. With Mike Hill and Mark Leonard (right) is Adrian Alston, former star of St George and Wollongong.



• "Pro Soccer" '82' compere Mark Leonard (left) gets a few technical tips from Stewart Wilson (technical supervisor) and Dominic Galati (production director). Leonard and Galati play for Gladesville Hornsby in the NSW Second Division.

Lights, camera, action, and we were off and running on the set of "Pro Soccer '82" in the studios of Enterprise Color Video at Crow's Nest, Sydney.

Well, sort of. I sit alongside the co-hosts, Mark Leonard and Mike Hill, broiling under the spotlights (is that what you call them?) and the caked-on make-up, gawking at the cameras.

In front of me lies a running-sheet with curious references to "opener teaser", "links", "back-references", "throws" to Peter Sharne, Charlie Egan, Chris Dunleavy, "VTR's" "V/O's" and duration times.

It's the language of television — videolese. Three cameras were gawking at us like the Martians' machines in "War of the Worlds", but nothing was happening apart from Mark Leonard's jokes. Schwab the scribbler is expected to radiate stage charm. That is bad enough, but the

• The crew of "Pro Soccer '82", rear from left: Pat Mackie (production assistant), Walter Hawes (grip), Craig Champman (camera), Sue Whitechurch (associate producer), Dominic Galati (production director). Middle row: Adrian Alston (guest), Mike Hill, Mark Leonard, Wendy Sainsbury (make-up), Ian Ingleton (technical director). Front: Jim Walpole (camera).

thought gets more intimidating the longer you wait for the curtain call.

Finally the director is in his director's chair or wherever it is he goes, the cameras are wound up and associate producer Sue Whitechurch has her stopwatch primed.

Preamble by Mark and Mike — keep those hands from fidgeting! "And our special studio guest is Laurie Schwab

... Well, Laurie, how did you get into this soccer business?" "At blah, ar blah, ar ... well, it goes back to a sluburban paper, called ar, the Snobons Robserver, er, but

OK, WE'LL DO ALL THAT AGAIN ... CALM DOWN, SON, CAMERAS ARE HARMLESS.

Oh yeah, those lights on

top are winking at me in derision, I can tell! So we do it again. Better this time.

And again. Better still. More jokes by Mark and Mike. The knot in the gut is loosening.

And, surprise surprise. Mark muffs it too. "And now we'll have a look at the South Melbourne Heidelberg game in which ah, Beiberg ah, bah, ah ... OK, cut, take two.

Ah ha! I glance at the copious notes made during painstaking hours of preparation. I'll come to grips with this now. It's all down there in black and white, after all. Good stuff too. I want to spout the virtues of regionalisation, I want to say South Melbourne will make an offer for Peter Katholos, maybe make a few

funnies even ... you know, the all-round media star bit, with all the revelations and riveting presence and all that.

When it's my turn again, I don't do any of that. But I do talk. I talk too much.

Cut! Do it again. It's too long, says Sue Whitechurch's stopwatch.

We do previews five times. In between, Mike Hill fluffs some lines.

"I taught him that," quips Leonard.

All this is not what you see at 6.30 on a Friday night on Channel 9.

Here on the set we do only the talking that you see and hear in between the previously recorded match footage and interviews. On the set we don't see any of that footage. We're actors without a play.

But in the end it all comes out right. One of the tapes is lost temporarily but found again, and Sue breathes a sigh of relief.

The finished product looks good — apart from me that is. Charlie Egan, the little striker from South

Melbourne Hellas, introduces his budgie and talks about his craving for Mars Bars. Branko Buijevic calls him Australia's Paolo Rossi.

We hear Rene Licata saying he used to watch Peter Sharne when Rene was a kid. Now Rene is wrapt that he's played alongside his childhood hero.

Mark Leonard has been able to slip in a

reference to Gladesville Hornsby, the team he and production director Dominic Galati play for. That, as far as Mark is concerned, is the highlight of the show.

"Pro Soccer '82" was born as a new show, in a production house unaccustomed to soccer, and it's had its teething problems, sure. But this show, and Les Murray's show on Monday nights, have

provided good entertainment and an invaluable service to the soccer fraternity.

After this initial season, the show will get better and better as indeed, it has improved even over these past months.

Unfortunately, "Pro Soccer" goes into recess at the end of the league season. One feels it should have continued at least through the top four series.

But during those final weeks, there may be a special treat for the viewers.

Having had Mike Parkinson on as special guest a few weeks ago, "Pro Soccer" now is angling for Elton John.

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From Brisbane to stardom

By PAUL MOON

Former Brisbane City striker Bobby Campbell was prevented from completing a remarkable comeback by an injury which ruled him out of the World Cup.

Campbell, it may be remembered, came to Queensland under a cloud in 1979.

Not only had he been discarded by Aston Villa, Halifax Town (twice), Huddersfield Town (twice), Sheffield United and Vancouver Whitecaps, but was also banned from playing for his country.

This suspension was the result of indiscretions while playing for Northern Ireland in the 1975 UETA Youth Tournament in Switzerland. Campbell and a teammate stole a car and then crashed it outside their hotel.

With City, Campbell made 15 appearances in the PSL and played sufficiently well to convince himself that he could still make a mark in British football and wrote to Bryan Edwards, assistant manager at Bradford City, seeking a trial.

Despite reservations, Edwards agreed to the proposal and signed the Ulsterman, who has responded with 57 goals in two and a half seasons.

This form gained Billy Bingham's attention and Ireland's team manager persuaded his federation to lift its ban.

The bludgeoning, old-fashioned type centre forward was expected to play against Yugoslavia during Ireland's World Cup opener and complete the renaissance.

Instead he was foiled by an injury and replaced by 17 year old Norman Whiteside.

Whiteside grabbed his opportunity with both hands and with he and the other two Irish front runners — Gerry Armstrong and Billy Hamilton — playing so well during the Mundial, Campbell may find a second comeback to be



Bobby Campbell in action for his old club South Melbourne Hellas



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GOALS! GALORE AND THE YELLOW PERIL

(The World Cup in facts and figures — Part 2)

Goals and behaviour are two of the major determinants of the success or failure of any major football competition — and none more so than the World Cup.

Without goals there is boredom and without discipline there are injuries, resulting in the absence of star performers, lower standards, fewer goals again — and even more boredom on the terraces.

Well, Mundial '82 brought us 146 goals — on its own an impressive statistic, a World Cup record.

Unfortunately, this was due only to the increase from 18 to 24 finalists, with the resultant 52-match program.

Thus the average number of goals a game was a rather measly 2.80, with only the 1962, 1966, 1974 and 1978 finals ending with a poorer game average.

It is enlightening to look at the number of goals scored by the 1982 finalists.

France led the list with 16, followed by Brazil 15, Hungary, Italy and West Germany 12, Poland 11, Argentina and Scotland 8, the Soviet Union 7, England 6, Algeria, Austria and Northern Ireland 5, Spain 4, Belgium and Chile 3, Honduras, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Kuwait, Peru and New Zealand 2, Cameroon and El Salvador 1 each.

The countries which play a futuristic style of brave attacking soccer lead the list, but it is significant that both France and Brazil paid dearly for their admirable spirit.

It is a further sad commentary on modern soccer

than Paolo Rossi could end up leading scorer with only six goals, just as Argentina's Kempes did four years ago.

Frenchman Juste Fontaine's 1958 record of 13 goals is unlikely to be beaten for a few more decades — even with 24-team finals!

There were only 15 different kinds of scorelines in the 52 matches and it follows with sad logic that the most common result, on nine occasions, was 1-0.

To make the picture even more depressing, second and third most "popular" results were 0-0 and 1-1, both of which occurred seven times.

Five matches each finished either 2-1 or 4-1, 2-0 running close behind with four matches each.

Three games each saw 3-1 or 3-2 as the final result, followed by a range of results which were more an oddity than anything else, such as Hungary's 10-1 win over El Salvador.

It is an indictment of current trends in international soccer that in no less than 44 percent of matches spectators had to be content with no more than two goals!

This is conclusive proof that much more concentration is applied to getting competition points than goals.

Such a claim is reflected in the number of red and yellow cards which were flashed during the Mundial by referees trying to maintain a semblance of decent behaviour.

The dreaded yellow card came out of whistlers' pockets 92 times, with eventual champion Italy having the unenviable record of 10 such cautions.

Italy was followed by Poland and West Germany on 8, Argentina and France 6, El

IN FOCUS

With Peter Scott



Salvador and Spain 5, Austria, Northern Ireland, Cameroon and the Soviets with 4, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Yugoslavia, Kuwait and Hungary on 3, Algeria, England, Czechoslovakia and Peru 2 each, with Honduras and Scotland coping only one each.

The "Fair Play Prize" for the Mundial should go to New Zealand, none of whose players incurred the wrath of referees in their three matches.

It was a pleasing aspect of the tournament that only five players got sent off: Yearwood (Honduras), Vizek (Czechoslovakia), Bonaghy (Northern Ireland), Gallego and Maradona (both Argentina).

But, our pleasure must be qualified.

At this point, mention must be made of refereeing at the World Cup, it is after all the man in black who exercises control, issues cautions or sends off players.

Unfortunately, as everyone who attended the games in person or watches them on television must realise, the standard of officiating was by below what should be expected at soccer's "summit meeting".

FIFA President Havelange's initiative in widening the circle of World Cup referees was an unmitigated failure, with many lesser referees committing major blunders — as did some of their more recognised colleagues.

It was laughable to see Bahrain referee Al-Doy issue yellow cards in the tropical heatwave of the Hungary v El Salvador fixture to two of the Magyars for slipping some water during a break in the action.

The inexperience of many other referees was also obvious, even to themselves, leading to uncertainty, lack of consistency and other problems.

For instance, Paraguay's Ramirez sent off Irishman Donaghy for pushing away Spanish player Canache, who went on provoking some flustered English referee to show the red card to Belgian goalie Pfaff, who literally bayoneted and downed Hungarian striker Fazekas when the latter looked likely to score the vital goal which would have seen his side qualify for the second round.

The most horrid incident of violence at the championships, when German keeper Schumacher managed to knock out France's Battiston in a matter which could arguably be a criminal offence in everyday life, didn't result in a penalty kick, or a sending off.

The Germans went on to qualify for the finals; Battiston went to hospital, to rue his injuries and the loss of two teeth.

As a complete contrast, Danish referee Sorensen went to the other extreme, awarding as penalty for the tripping of Spain's Alonso by a Yugoslav, when the incident occurred way outside the penalty area.

That "Little" mistake cost

the Slavs a place in the final 12!

Even the Spanish press was up in arms about its countryman Castillo, who failed to award what looked like two justified penalties for the Soviets against Brazil.

In fact, Castillo was suspended immediately after that match, as was the Russian Stupar, following the circus into which the Kuwait v France clash degenerated.

We could go on and on, but the most disturbing aspect of all this is that one's mind boggles how many more than 82 yellow and 5 red cards could have been shown at the Mundial, if only referees did their job properly and consistently.

For instance, if they would have punished obvious instances of time wasting, the repeated kicking away of balls after the whistle sounded for free kicks, intentional fouls clearly aimed at incapacitating — if not maiming — opponents, or the ridiculous shows put on by players feigning injury.

It would have been laughable, if it wasn't so infuriating, to see the consistent failure to punish defending players who firmly planted themselves in front of balls set for free kicks, refusing the move until the defensive wall was set.

And talk about laughing, Italy's Gentile must have had a good one when he managed to crudely foul Maradona on about 15 occasions, without any punishment from the referee.

Time after time, players kicked each other, then with mock formality shook hands — only to continue where they left off a few minutes later, unhampered by the referees.

When we ponder on the lack of goals, or the absence of entertainment in many football matches — and not just in the World Cup — it would pay the experts, the coaches, the players and the fans to consider drastic action leading to the improvement of refereeing standards.

There isn't a more important lesson to be learned from Mundial '82.

Mathematical cynicism and abysmal refereeing

By LES SHORROCK

As the '82 Mundial recedes more and more rapidly into history, I find it more and more difficult to grasp the finals as a whole, despite being, as it were, in the middle of them, and having watched, either live or on the TV every kick of all 52 games.

Maybe it's an example of not being able to see the wood for the trees. I worked as a photographer at 10 of the games, and in the heat of battle, while concentrating hard on getting a good picture, it's hard to appreciate the broader scene.

So mine is much less than a total recall, more a flickering kaleidoscope of brief instants, summoned up by the mention of a player's name. . . . Maradona, lying flat on his back after being dropped mercilessly by the ill-named Claudio Gentile behind the referee's back, and then, the ultimate ignominy, trudging unshaven off the field after being dismissed for as vicious a foul as ever you could imagine.

Bryan Robson — leaping in glee after stunning the French

with a 27 second goal that won him a gold watch, and the look of anguish on the same player's face as he saw his goal-bound header tipped brilliantly over the bar by Schumacher. Schumacher looms large in the memory of course, firstly for the horrendous foul on poor Battiston which should have earned him a red card (anywhere off the field it would have earned him six months' jail for assault), and then again for saving that all-important penalty in the shoot-out against France.

Not that it was a brilliant save, but because he moved so blatantly beforehand, as indeed did the French goalkeeper in his turn, and the incompetent Corver of Holland let them both get away with it. In fact the deplorable refereeing throughout the series remains an indelible memory.

The Russians, for instance, had every reason to feel ill-used after being denied not one but two perfectly justified penalties against Brazil, and when they played Poland, Scottish referee Valentine gave them such a hard time that the Russians must have thought he had joined Solidarity. The referees' committee has a lot to answer for.

Take the absurdly obvious attempts to manoeuvre Spain into the second group in Madrid.

Against Northern Ireland the committee appointed a Paraguayan referee and two Spanish-speaking linesmen, and then, as if to tip the scales even more in Spain's favor, Donaghy was sent off over a trivial matter and in the end the Irish were reduced to shepherding attackers out of their penalty box because they were too scared to tackle.

After a few glaring bores had been pounced on by the Press, it was revealed that the referees' committee had decided to alter the rules regarding penalties without informing anyone, and to award a penalty for obstruction.

The remarkable, political decision to award the final to a South American referee instead of a European led to the unedifying sight of two teams trying to kick each other off the park during the opening fifteen minutes before Coelho decided to wave the yellow card at poor Conti for what was a mere peccadillo compared with what went before. That decision probably cost Conti the man of the match award that he so richly deserved.

The refereeing standard was bad enough, but it was eclipsed by the palsied attitude of FIFA over several unsavoury incidents, such as the Kuwait v France affair, and most of all, the "arrangement" between Austria and Germany. On the night of that infamous affair, FIFA heard Algeria's protest for three hours then decided to do nothing.

Under the present arrangements, (and preliminary discussions on 1986 seem to indicate that the pattern won't change), it is possible for a country to lose in the opening phase as did Germany and still win the cup, while another country can remain undefeated and still go home empty-handed, like Scotland in '74, Brazil in '78 and Cameroon and England in '82.

Poor Brazil! Once again it looked the best team in the competition, and once again it failed, and for me anyway, the light went out when Brazil was beaten.

Maybe it's churlish of me, but in my mind's eye the '82 World Cup was encapsulated for ever in one moment near the end of the Poland v Russia game.

Poland's Smolarec burst clear of the Russian defence, but instead of streaking for goal, he turned and made for the corner-flag and played 'keepy-up' all by himself as three frantic Russians tried to get the ball off him. . . . Poland needed only a goalless draw and to hell with the game.

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SIR—In answer to David Ponsonby in "Soccer Action" on the July 21, how can anyone justify that Brazil is the best soccer team in the world when it didn't qualify for the semi-finals.

They only played in the first two rounds. They just managed a win against Russia 2-1. Mr Ponsonby has made statements without reflecting seriously.

What did Brazil offer in the World Cup? I personally think that many people love soccer but do not know how to play the game or describe it.

Many repeat only what they hear. For example Craig Johnson said that Brazil was the best team in the world and many repeated the same things like parrots.

What I saw in the Brazil team is that they play attacking and have many gaps in defence.

Their goal-keeper wouldn't even get a game in second division in Italy.

Playing in defence they put themselves under pressure. That's how they actually lost the game against Italy.

Regarding the corner kick, look back at the replay.

Italy showed spectacular play, they showed how to at-

tack, defend and how to use the midfield.

After beating popular teams like Argentina, Brazil, Poland and West Germany, all credit goes to Italy's team.

What more can you expect from a team?

If Brazil contributed 27 shots and only managed 2 goals, and Italy contributed

only 9 shots and managed 3 goals it goes to prove that Italy has more accuracy in shooting.

I think Mr Ponsonby should think more before making his comments.

Italy deserved the World Cup. Italy was the best team.

—Yours etc., FRANK MONTFORT

"Soccer Action" photographer Les Shorrock on the job in Spain.

TO THE EDITOR...

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Buffalo Sports Boys



Henry Blicharz (above, left) and Darren Hodgkinson (right) are our Buffalo Sports Clubmen of the Week.

Henry, 12, started with Ardeer in 1979 as a left winger. Now his considerable talent is used as sweeper and he is developing into one of the most accomplished defenders in Victoria.

Darren came to Australia from England two years ago and now plays for Newborough United's under-11's. His immediate aim is to become a competent player with both feet.

Darren will pick up his award, a magnificent Buffalo Sports bag from Dickson Sports in Morwell. Henry will pick up his bag from Faulkners Sports in Sunshine.

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Kew City Celtic was formed in 1942 as South Melbourne Juniors. In 1946 it changed its name to Park Rangers and entered senior ranks. It's greatest achievement has been to win back-to-back Dockerty Cups, in 1948, 49. 1969 was crisis time, relegation and a massive loss of players threatened the club's future. The club recovered but lingered in the lower reaches of Metro ranks until the arrival of Hugh Flannery as coach and Joe Docherty as team manager midway through 1977. The word promotion has become synonymous with the club's recent history. It's hoped that after the recent amalgamation with the Melbourne branch of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters Club that even bigger things are in store in the near future.

BACK ROW: George Drougys (from Scotland, 1982); Danny McQuiskey (Preston Makedonia, 1982); Andrew Savage (now with Port Melbourne); Michael Lukac (Green Gully Ajax, 1982); Frank Macleod (Albion Rovers, 1979); Mike Lynn (Fawkner, 1982); Hugh Flannery (coach).

FRONT ROW: David Stewart (Brighton, 1980); Graham Williams (Mooneah Uni, 1981); Paul McCarthy (Box Hill, 1981); George Petrov (from the juniors); Robin Parsons (from England, 1979); Pat McElhinney (Morwell Falcons, 1982).

MISSING: David Webb (Prahan City, 1982); Mark Dall (Frankston City, 1979); Hayden Lyness (Croydon, 1982); Joe Docherty (team manager).

Canterbury to merge with Olympic?

Riverwood defeated Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park, while Yugal surprised by thrashing Canterbury at Concord to cause further problems at the top of the table.

Manly, with its narrow 1-0 victory at Cromer Park jumped to third place, while Riverwood clawed its way back into the top four after demolishing Sutherland in a devastating second half spell which brought three goals and a number of good scoring opportunities which went begging.

Croatia drew with Melita Eagles at Tomislav Park to keep in top spot but Blacktown is getting closer following its fine 4-0 win over Auburn. The battle for the premiership continues to intrigue. Croatia and Blacktown are locked in this battle while four clubs, Manly, Sutherland, Riverwood and Canterbury, vie for the remaining two spots in the top four.

At the other end of the table it now looks gloomy for Rockdale, the club which held no fears for its existence after some seven rounds, holding a healthy middle of the table position.

To escape, it must attain at least another five points and at this moment that task looks a little too far out of its reach. Blacktown is in almost the same boat, but to its credit there is a lot of fire and fighting spirit there and with Mike Johnson at the helm I am almost sure it will be in State League next year.

Manly 1 Bankstown 0

Scorer: Van Helden
MANLY: Dwyer, K. Falconer, Davis, Dick, Goughan, Lach, Regan, P. Falconer, T. Smith, Noble, Van Helden.
BANKSTOWN: Lohman, W. Brown, Beck, O'Neill, Routsay.

Martin Best in court

Martin Best, recently of Melbourne Juventus fame, has appeared in court in Brisbane — on a prohibitive immigration charge.

He was remanded in custody and he is expected to appear next week when he is expected to again be remanded for seven days before being deported.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC



Auburn-Blacktown 0-0, Burrows, Salvage, Johnstone, Kirwan
Yugal-Canterbury 4-0, Mihajlovic, Rodas, Karacan, McIntosh
Croatia-Melita 1-1
Manly-Bankstown 1-0, Van Helden
Sutherland-Riverwood 0-3, Walker, Tracey, Butler
Polonia-Ana 2-0
Melita-Rockdale 5-2
Blacktown 21 13 6 2 36-8 32
Burrows 21 12 6 3 41-24 30
Manly 21 11 5 5 38-25 27
Riverwood 20 11 4 5 38-28 26
Canterbury 21 10 5 6 33-27 26
Sutherland 20 10 4 6 33-21 26
Melita 21 9 7 7 31-28 20
Polonia 21 5 7 10 17-17 19
Yugal 20 7 5 8 38-32 19
Avala 21 6 7 8 32-34 19
Adams 21 5 8 10 16-29 16
Munoz 21 4 5 12 27-48 13
Baskinton 21 3 5 13 25-46 11
Rockdale 20 2 12 22-48 10

THIS WEEK

Saturday, August 7:
St George Stadium: Rockdale-Manly
Knight Park: Avala-Monaro
Soccer Centre: Bankstown-Auburn
Sunday, August 8:
Gable: Blacktown-Yugal
Hurstville: Riverwood-Polonia
Melita Stadium: Melita-Sutherland
Arlington: Canterbury-Croatia
Top Scorers:
11. Arnold (C), T. Bush (S), Walker (R)
10. Parker (R)
9. T. Smith (MW), T. Jones (R)
8. Holloway (Aub), Kirwan, P. Jones (BD)
7. Tillet (CM), W. Valori (HM), Farrugia, Alan (ME)
6. Karanfilovski (Av), Hensman (Cr), Regan (Irw), Rodas (Y)
5. Nocer (B), Johnstone (BD), R. Brown (CM), Noble (MW), K. Smith (P), Sutherland (R), McIntosh, Bencke (V).

Riverwood beat its first hurdle on the way to securing a top four spot but the 3-0 drubbing of Sutherland wasn't the only thing which pleased Attie Abonyi, Riverwood's coach.

"We created chances, and that is far more important. If you play well then chances will come your way, and that is very pleasing indeed. I am also pleased with our defence. Andy Tracey has added strength to the back four and that has shown in our last two games, where we've gone 180 minutes without conceding a goal, and against Melita and Sutherland, two attacking

teams," said the ex-Australian international.

Well, while Attie is pleased with his team and its almost effortless 3-0 win, his counterpart, Johnny Watkins, was not so pleased with his side. It was obvious that a lack of commitment by Sutherland players, particularly during the second half, caused their downfall.

Barry Walker started Sutherland's slide with a well taken goal, then Juchiewicz was brought down inside the area and Andy Tracey made no mistake from the spot to seal the game for Riverwood.

Butcher made it 3-0 late in the game.

This fine win by Riverwood has lifted the side to within a whisker of causing Blacktown Demons a headache for second spot on the table. Should Riverwood beat Rockdale in its postponed match, the difference between Blacktown and Riverwood will be only two points.

As for Sutherland, things are not as bad as the scoreline suggests, but two defeats on the trot might cause Watkins to call for an early return of Steve Maedes and Peter Beggs from injury.

Yugal 4 Canterbury 0

Scorers: Mihajlovic, Rodas, Karacan, McIntosh
YUGAL: Watson, Randall, Cummings, McIntosh, Clarke, Augustin, Mihajlovic, Karacan (Wilson), Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski (McGrath).

It was goals galore at Concord Oval as Yugal swamped Canterbury to improve its position on the league table. Losses to Melita Eagles and Croatia in the previous two rounds did not suggest that Yugal had what it takes to humble anyone, but unpredictable as ever, the "dark blues" came out firing on all cylinders much to the displeasure of Allie El Zein in goal for Canterbury.

Tom Mihajlovic, the ageing star of this outfit, started the rot for the Berries, picking up a pass some 45 metres from El

Zein's goal then ran past two defenders and the keeper to score Yugal's first in the 35th minute.

In the last ten minutes of that period Canterbury managed to survive but then came a shattering 15 minutes at the start of the second half.

Patrick Rodas made it 2-0, then Karacan increased the lead to 3-0 with only five minutes of the second half gone. Seven minutes later, Amayni Rokodera was brought down inside the penalty area and from the resultant penalty David McIntosh made it 4-0.

Numerous chances came Yugal's way against this very disgruntled Canterbury side following this goal avalanche but to no avail. Yugal players were content to create them but not to put them away. For them the picnic was over.

Stanko Tanoski, Rodas and Rokodera, as well as replacement McGrath missed glaring opportunities to increase the lead. Despite the many misses

this was Yugal's biggest win of the year and comes close on the heels of an announcement of a possible merger between Canterbury and Sydney Olympic.

Craig Hall left Canterbury midweek to join Olympic, while the talks are still taking place on the merger between the two strong Greek supported outfits.

Has that done anything to upset those Canterbury players? Well, wait and see what happens in the remaining five weeks.

Auburn 0 Blacktown 4

Scorers: Burrows, Salvage, Johnstone, Kirwan
AUBURN: Walker, Quigley, McInerney, Progomela, Sullivan (Pondolakis 54), Atwell, Turner, G. Johnstone, Allen, Holloway, Carney (Hardwick 65).
BLACKTOWN: James, Wheatley, Roushman, Brogan, Palmer, Salvage, Houszail, (74) Plumb, Gomez, Burrows, Johnstone, Kirwan.

Blacktown Demons hammered Auburn at Mona Park to further its claim for top spot in the NSW State League. The result of this match never was in doubt, from the moment Paul Burrows put the Demons 1-0 up six minutes into the first half.

His linky run from the half way line saw four players beaten before he shot past Walker for the first goal.

It was Burrows at his best. Not only did he score a great goal, but he also made life difficult for the Auburn defence throughout the game, providing his players with some useful passes and generally inspiring the Demons attack.

This win by the Demons certainly will live up to things at the top of the State League ladder, with Croatia and Blacktown vying for top spot. The two sides will meet at King Tomislav Park on Sunday August 15 in what most believe will be the State League decider.

Munoz new Spanish boss, Alan Dicks to Ethnics



From JIM COOK our European correspondent

Miguel Munoz, who led Real Madrid to football stardom in the 1960's, was appointed to manage Spain's national team.

Jose Emilio Santamaria, manager for the past two years, handed in his resignation after Spain failed to get past the second round of the World Cup last month.

Munoz, 60, was sacked by Spanish First Division club Sevilla last season when the club's fortunes were in decline. The club then went on to qualify for the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup.

By 1974 the team was slipping and Munoz was when it won four European Cups. In 1959 he became manager and led the team to its record-breaking total of six European Cups as well as to nine national league titles and two Spanish Cups.

By 1974 the team was slipping and Munoz resigned after 14 seasons as manager. Since then he has been with Granada, Las Palmas and Sevilla.

Alan Dicks, the former Bristol City manager, has taken over as manager of Greek First Division club Ethnics of Athens. Dicks, 47, who has been boss of the Bristol side for 14 years has been out of football since he was dismissed in October 1980.

Englishman Clive White, who handled the Belgium v Hungary World Cup match in Spain last month has copped a \$300 court fine for deception. White, who has an off-lence in Harrow, Middlesex fiddled the returns of empties to a soft drinks firm and admitted three charges of obtaining money from the suppliers.

Brian Clough always seems to be around when the big perks are on offer. On Brian Moore's ITV World Cup panel he is reported to have picked up around \$40,000 — five times more than his studio colleagues Jimmy Greaves, John Bond and Mick Channon.

George Best hasn't kept out of the headlines since quitting top soccer with Manchester United a good few years ago. Prolonged spells of drying out in hospital after benders, battles with the taxman, proceedings in the bankruptcy court and now the news of his wife Angie is suing for divorce. But Bestie has found a new love in 25-year-old Mary Stavin the Swedish beauty who won the Miss World contest in 1977 and until recently was going around with former Brighton soccer star Don Shanks. Best, 35, has a baby son Calum who stays with his wife in California.

Justin Fashanu recently was reunited with his long lost father on a trip to Nigeria and found out he has 14 brothers and sisters. The Nottingham Forest striker brought up in England in Dr Barnardo's Homes and later by foster parents thought he was an orphan until contacting his father — a tribal chief — earlier this year. His father has three wives — hence the large brood.

Alan Wade, England's director of coaching for the past 20 years, has been axed by the F.A. Bobby Robson the new England manager is expected to incorporate the coaching with his managerial duties. Wade who was in Australia with Sir Stanley Rous a good few years ago refutes suggestions that Ron Greenwood didn't receive the maximum co-operation from him. The F.A. had a top coaching staff of 11 costing around \$1,600,000 a year but, this is likely to be further trimmed.

Sir Matt Busby has resigned the post as vice-president of the Football League and also from the management committee. According to reports Sir Matt, who was manager of the legendary Busby Babes with Manchester United, is anxious about the health of his wife and himself.

West Bromwich Albion whose manager Ronnie Allen stepped down to become general manager is having trouble finding a top class successor. The Birmingham side tried hard to entice former Leeds and Republic of Ireland star Johnny Giles back to the Hawthorns but the Irishman, who had a not-too-successful term as boss of WBA some years ago, is staying put with Vancouver Whitecaps where he has been coach for the past three years.

Ipswich Town is annoyed with reports that former England defender Kevin Beattie, 28,

who prematurely quit at the end of last season with a recurring knee injury and was paid out his full contract and given a testimonial, is considering making a come-back with near neighbour Colchester City, managed by Beattie's former Ipswich colleague Alan Hunter. Ipswich cancelled Beattie's registration and gave him star consideration assuming he was retiring from the playing scene.

David Evans never gave up after he failed to make the grade playing for Aston Villa reserves for four years in the 'fifties, and spells with both Warwickshire and Gloucestershire as a professional cricketer. But he decided on other means than sport as a way to earn a living. Now 47 he is the millionaire boss of Bren Green Holdings a fast growing business specialising in cleaning and cleansing services with a turnover of more than \$50 million. With Villa he was getting \$14 a week when he quit he took an office cleaning job at \$20 a week and with a borrowed \$1,000 in 1960 set up his own business and has never looked back.

Robert Bettiga, who missed Italy's World Cup through injury, may be on the move now that his side Juventus have recruited strikers Michel Platini and Zbigniew Boniek. Reports suggest that Bettiga could join his former striking partner with Juventus, Franco Causio, at Udinese.

Watch out for the name of Raimundo in Brazil's 1986 World Cup Squad. He is the 16 year old brother of Socrates and recently joined Botafogo. Dad reckons that Raimundo is better than his elder brother at that age.

Yugoslavia has been one of the greatest exporters of talent for 20 years. It is estimated there are now more than 200 top Yugoslavians operating in foreign lands. In addition some 60 managers and coaches also earn their living in other countries.

Hard up Third Division club Reading may sell its sports to merge in a multi-million dollar, sports centre project with the town's Speedway chiefs. The Reading Racers Speedway side presently uses the soccer club's ground.

Argentina's Ricky Villa is returning to England to rejoin Spurs while it seems likely his countryman Osvaldo Ardiles will go on loan to Paris St Germain for the coming season and return to the F.A. Cup-holders for the start of the 1985 season.

Manchester City chairman has become the new vice-chairman of the England international committee following Matt Busby's resignation for health reasons.

North American professional soccer has picked up with the success of Italy in the World Cup. Toronto which has an Italian population of over half a million wants Paulo Rossi to play one game at a fee of \$50,000. Recently Montreal and Vancouver Whitecaps pulled in a 30,000 crowd - 13,000 more than the crowd who turned up for a Canadian gridiron game.

Tommy Docherty, 61, old Preston North End is so hard up it couldn't afford to have outside contractors to do the massive job of painting the ground. But 200 of the die-hard fans have rallied round to do the job saving the club \$50,000.

Luton Town, preparing for its promotion to the First Division, has splashed out \$500,000, plus a player to Charlton for England youth star Paul Walsh.

Martin Wilkinson, who was assistant manager to Allan Clarke at Leeds, replaced Peter Morris as manager of Peterborough. Wilkinson will have his former Leeds boss Clarke, recently sacked by the Yorkshire club, as consultant with Peterborough for a few weeks only.

Andy Greaves, 16 year old younger son of Jimmy Greaves, has joined Southend as an apprentice. Last season his brother Danny became a full time professional with Southend.



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St George — Sydney City Hakoah's last hurdle

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Sydney Hakoah will win the Philips League championship on Sunday if it beats St George Budapest at St George Stadium.

Victory would give Sydney City a five-point lead at the top of the ladder with only four matches to go — against Adelaide City, Marconi, Brisbane Lions and West Adelaide.

But if St George wins (and a victory either way is doubtful because of the high stakes involved), Saints will be only one point out of the lead. Their remaining matches are against West Adelaide, APIA, Brisbane City and Sydney Olympic.

The matches will be the major highlight of the season, outside the league and Cup finals.

Both teams have players who relish big matches, for it was in such matches that they earned their enviable reputations — Ted MacDougall, Dez Marton, Peter Stone, John O'Shea of St George; John Kosmina, Joe Watson, Todd Clarke of Sydney City.

Both teams are tight units in which all players operate for each other unselfishly.

But St George will have the edge in midfield, where the Stone-J. O'Shea-Williams trio appears a little more accomplished than the Patikas-Borges-Spanos combination.

The weekend round also features a number of intriguing relegation battles, most notably Canberra's clash with Brisbane City at Bruce Stadium.

Canberra has slumped disastrously into second last position and will be dead last if it loses to Brisbane City. It's so tight at the bottom that City could jump four places if it wins.

And a victory is not out of the question by any means, for City is a physically stronger team than Canberra and will try to use that strength to advantage.

But the relegation battle is little more than academic. Every one of the four bottom teams — Adelaide City, Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane City — would be re-elected if they are relegated.

Footscray JUST's position however, appears more precarious. For some reason, there is not as much sympathy for JUST especially in Sydney where most of the decisions are influenced. That in itself is unfair. JUST has a tradition of excellence which deserves the same sort of respect given to any other team.

JUST's next opponent is Sydney Olympic, at Schintler Reserve. Yusuf Hatunic, JUST's guest player from Partizan in Yugoslavia, should strengthen the defence considerably, and leading scorer Paul Simic should be back after injury.

But it is in midfield that JUST will have to be most watchful, as Peter Kaskalos and Peter Raskopoulos can win the game for Olympic from there.

Newcastle's Sports Centre on Saturday. Newcastle has the chance of climbing into a safe mid-table position over the next few weeks, and Roy Drinkwater, Col Curran and especially Howard Tredinnick have the talent and concentration to assure there are slip-ups.

Adelaide City is sadly lacking in attack. Goals are few and far between, perhaps because of a marked emphasis on defensive tightness, and it's likely that City again will look for a point when it meets South Melbourne Hellas at home on Sunday.

Hellas will miss midfielder Alan Davidson who is suspended and it wouldn't surprise if one of the transfer-listed players — J. M. Shirra, John Stevenson or Alun Evans — is recalled for this one.

Wollongong managed a victory against Adelaide City last week despite the absence of star defenders Arno Bertogna and Chris Dunleavy. With these two back in the team, Wollongong should cement third position by beating disappointing Marconi at Marconi Oval.

Heidelberg has made a strong surge into the top four with victories over South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney City. Gary Cole has found his best form and the Heidelberg defence is playing with lots of confidence, so West Adelaide will have to show dramatic improvement to win at Heidelberg's Olympic Village stronghold.

West Adelaide was full of fire in the first half of the season but has degenerated somewhat in recent weeks.

Makedonia's chance of perhaps finishing in the top four is not dead yet. A victory over Brisbane Lions at Richmond could put Makedonia into fifth place, and victory is a distinct possibility after coach Peter Orlerton's team reshuffle last week.

George McMillan is back at centre forward, where he scored so many goals before switching to centre back and then midfielder. He's just the man to unsettle Col Bennett and Bobby Ferris — fast, aggressive, relentless, strong in the air.

Claude Lucchesi, now in midfield, has much more room in which to show his silky skills and set up chances for the front runners, but a gap has been created up front by the club's suspension of top-scorer Doug Brown. He was dropped for two matches and fined \$300 over an incident at training. Sweeper George Todrovski was fined \$100.

Weekend matches with likely winner in capitals:

IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB Untd v APIA Leichhardt at International Sports Centre, Saturday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
Marconi-Datsun v WOLLONGONG at Marconi Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.
St George Budapest v Sydney City Hakoah (draw) at St. George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide City Juventus v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday 2.30.

IN MELBOURNE
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v West Adelaide Hellas at Olympic Village, Sunday 3 pm.
FOOTSCRAY JUST v Sydney Olympic at Schintler Reserve, Sunday 3 pm.

IN CANBERRA
Canberra City v BRISBANE CITY at Bruce Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v PRESTON MAKEDONIA at Richmond, Sunday 3 pm.

PHILIPS CUP SEMI-FINALS
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HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v Canberra City at Olympic Park.
APIA-Leichhardt v BRISBANE LIONS at St George Stadium.

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	HOME	AWAY	
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1 (1) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	8 2 2 27:12	7 3 3 24:12	51:24 35
2 (2) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	9 2 1 24:9	4 4 5 17:22	41:31 32
3 (3) WOLLONGONG	8 1 3 18:15	5 2 6 16:24	35:39 29
4 (6) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	8 3 2 23:14	3 6 8 13:10	36:32 28
5 (7) APIA-Leichhardt	7 3 3 23:20	4 3 6 19:25	42:45 28
6 (4) West Adelaide Hellas	7 2 4 27:12	3 4 6 14:20	41:32 28
7 (5) Sydney Olympic	5 1 7 21:16	6 3 3 22:17	43:35 26
8 (10) Preston Makedonia	6 4 3 24:10	2 5 6 10:20	34:38 25
9 (9) South Melbourne Hellas	6 4 2 21:14	2 4 7 10:19	37:33 24
10 (8) Marconi-Datsun	7 2 3 27:14	3 2 8 10:21	37:35 24
11 (11) Brisbane Lions	6 2 4 21:14	2 6 5 13:20	34:34 24
12 (13) Footscray J.U.S.T.	2 6 4 15:16	3 5 5 15:22	30:39 21
13 (12) Adelaide City Juventus	3 7 2 14:9	2 3 8 10:22	30:31 21
14 (15) Newcastle KB United	3 5 4 17:18	4 1 8 10:28	35:46 20
15 (14) Canberra City	3 4 6 13:23	2 5 5 12:23	30:46 19
16 (16) Brisbane City	4 7 2 21:16	1 2 9 7:31	28:47 19

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

- Figures in brackets denotes total appearances in this team:
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| PRESTON (2)
(Wollongong) | SKREEN (2)
(St. George) | RATCLIFFE (2)
(St. George) | XANTHOPOULOS (2)
(SM-Hellas) | CARTER (1)
(APIA) |
| SENKALSKI (2)
(Newcastle) | ATMORE (1)
(Brisb. Lions) | HAMILTON (1)
(Brisb. City) | JONES (1)
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Referee: Peter Rampey 7
Goal: Cole (H) 69th minute.
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6, McKinnon 8, McLeod 6, Yankos 7, Tansley 6, Selemidis 7, Taylor 6, Campbell 7, Valentin 7, Cole 6, Paton 7.
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 6, Robertson 7, O'Connor 7, Cant 6, Bruce 7, Patkos 7, Borges 5, Spanos 6, Watson 6, Kosmina 6, Mitchell 5.

It was a nice afternoon in the sunshine and fresh air. That's about the best thing that could be said about this travesty of a football match.

The only happy people at the end of 90 minutes of concentrated tedium — and justifiably so — were Heidelberg's players and officials, who managed to bag two gift points.

As for the hosts, what looked like a runaway PSL title just a few days ago is now very much on the line against up-and-coming St. George Budapest next Sunday.

In spite of the mathematical possibilities I would still tip Sydney City to snatch the title due to their overall efficiency and depth of strength.

They usually shrug off split-ups such as last Sunday's and go on to crush upstart challengers who may come their way.

But, and there is definitely a but about them, questions are being asked ever louder and by more and more people about the champions.

The truth is, that even when they are winning, the best that could be said about them most of the time is that they are ef-

ficient and workmanlike, unlike the great Hakoah sides of the past, even the recent past of just a few years ago.

Those were the days when the Blue-and-whites were not only a winning side, but also superb entertainers.

Sadly, not any more. The challenge facing coach Eddie Thomson and the rest of the club's leadership is to recapture the magic of former days.

Otherwise the sparse crowds at Sydney Athletic Field will become more the Norm than an exception, whether the Slickers keep winning or not.

For their loss last Sunday Thomson's men have only themselves to blame, even though skipper Murray Barnes and Willie Murray were not

PETER SCOTT

available to play, nor was Ken Boden on parade.

Chances came the Slickers' way thick and fast throughout virtually the whole of the 90 minutes, with Heidelberg operating mainly from break-aways.

Mostly they were led by a streamlined Gary Cole who seems to have picked up an amazing extra turn of speed in recent weeks.

So it was only fitting that the big blonde striker scored the goal which snatched the two points from City, when he managed to turn in from close range a corner kick by Jim Tansley.

Todd Clarke almost managed to clear the ball, but fumbled it into the net.

The former Soccerroo keeper heatedly claimed that he was held by one of the visitors' men, but referee Rampey allowed the score to stand.

The lone goal of the match came in the 59th minute, but even with more than 30 minutes remaining, one always had the feeling that it was not going to be Sydney City's day.

A four-minute period in the first half probably spelled doom for the Slickers when in quick succession Spanos, Mitchell and Borges failed to convert gilt-edged chances.

Other great opportunities went Mitchell's way in the first half, with the tall striker in with a chance again after a free break, as well as Borges, Cant and Kosmina twice.

It wasn't all one-sided, however, as Micky Valentine nearly found the goal direct from a corner kick right on the half-time whistle.

Soon after the changeover Jim Campbell had two good chances from breakaways and five minutes from the full-time whistle Jamie Paton slipped through a napping home defence, only to shoot wide with the goal at his mercy.

Much of the blame for City's loss must be sheeted home to their tactics or rather the lack of them.

Whenever City, or its illustrious and much admired predecessor Hakoah, was a success in both the aesthetic and other senses, one of their trade secrets was the availability of two excellent orthodox wingers.

This is not an old-fashioned concept, as anyone who watched Italy in the World Cup can attest to.

No longer, though, with the Slickers.

Instead what we witnessed was a procession of tumultuous crowd scenes in the Heidelberg penalty area and its environs, leading to confusion, players getting in each others' way and a stream of high balls which were ineffective in spite of goalie Jeff Over's weaknesses in the air.

The only time things really looked promising for City was whenever, for nostalgia's sake I assume, Joe Watson wandered out to the right wing.

Heidelberg showed a lot of grit and determination, but was also pretty short on skills.

Apart from Cole one can only single out Arthur McMillan for a fighting and effective display in defence and as support to the attack.

All in all, very much a match to forget in a hurry.

Soper out Canberra Terrible

A.P.I.A. 3 Canberra 0

Scorers: Jones 2, McBreen A.P.I.A. Parks 7, Carter 9, McAusland 8, Bradley 8, Wilson 6, Pullen 8, McBreen 7, Butler 7, Jones 9, Morsello 7, DeCeglia 8.
CANBERRA: Hoszowski 9, Ontong 5, T. Byrne 5, Milovanovic 6, G. Byrne 7, Christopoulos 6, Gibson 5, Stone 5, Brennan 5, Murray 4 (Ambrosino 46" - 4), Bryant 5.

APIA Leichhardt, the team which looked like being among the also-rans just three weeks ago, is back in business following their second success in as many weeks.

Admittedly, the APIA players hardly had to raise a sweat to beat this lifeless unit from Canberra. Without taking anything away from the winners, it would be unfair to say that Canberra Arrows or Canberra City or Downer Olympic Canberra, call them what you like, players could go and ask its committee to pay them for the effort at Lambert Park on Sunday.

With the exception of Gary Byrne and luckless Hoszowski, the visitors showed no inclination to challenge, and even less enthusiasm to show what they are really worth. In fact you would have to pinch yourself during the game and remind yourself that Canberra had on the day players like Brennan, Byrne, Hoszowski, Ontong, Milovanovic, Christopoulos, Stone... you can just as well go through the whole side and find no "apparent weakness", in the names.

As for their effort, well, that is a different story.

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Alex Vesic

opening minutes. It was Terry Butler who started the move by pushing an ideal through ball for Roberto De Ceglia, and Peter Jones who finished it by getting at the end of De Ceglia's cross to beat Hoszowski and make it 1-0 to Leichhardt in the 4th minute.

Peter Jones made it 2-0 with nine minutes remaining after yet another lightning move, this time on the right flank. John Bradley raced past a couple of Canberra players before crossing the ball to the far post for Jones to head home his and his team's number two goal.

Jones almost got his hat trick soon after the restart with a lightning shot from some 25 meters but Hoszowski pushed the ball over the bar.

Hoszowski kept the scoreline down yet again in the 63rd minute after John Bradley broke through. Canberra's keeper came out to dive at Bradley's feet and block a shot and the rebound came to Jones who scooped it over the bar.

Tony Morsello had an opportunity close to the end, before a superb run by John Bradley provided APIA with its third goal. He started his run at the halfway mark, beat four players on his way before crossing into the middle for McBreen to hammer a shot past Hoszowski.

Canberra did manage to get a shot in during this period having in fact all of four attempts at goal. In fact it was Christopoulos who managed two shots and Brennan who had also two, late in the match, but with no power and subsequently very little purpose.

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Charlie Egan (centre) and Ted MacDougall (right) with former Frankton City (Vic) coach John Pryde, who brought Egan to Australia and who helped MacDougall find a club here. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



A novel foul. Dez Marton makes no bones about pushing Gerry Bennett. Photo by LES SHORROCK

David Ratcliffe gets 10 rating

By LAURIE SCHWAB

SM-Hellas 0 St George 0

Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: about 3000.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.
Sent off: Davidson (SM) 88th.
Cautions: Stone (St. G), Skeen (St. G).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Leunotts 7 - Bennett 7, Xanthopoulos 9, Blair 8, Nicolaides 6 - Campbell 8, Davidson 7 (sent off 88th), Rogers 7, Holford 8 - Egan 7, Wood 6 (Buljovic 66th).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST: Fraser 6 - Skeen 9, M. O'Shea 8, Ratcliffe 10, R. O'Shea 8, Stone 8, J. O'Shea 8, Wilkinson 7 - Slater 8, MacDougall 7, Marton 8.

A superb performance by St. George sweeper David Ratcliffe highlighted this entertaining game in which Hellas showed encouraging improvement, and which gave St. George the chance to move two points closer to league leader Sydney City.

As it turned out however, Saints gained only one point instead of two and so left three points off the lead.

Ratcliffe and Paul Wilkinson, who played in midfield last Sunday to cover the absence of Mark Barton, joined Saints from Brisbane City in a \$33,000 deal pre-season.

Even if the \$33,000 had been splashed out on Ratcliffe alone, it would have been money well spent.

He typified St. George's approach to the game, ever ready to move forward in support of attacks, yet back in a flash to defend, as he did when he rose high over Charlie Egan inside the box after a cross by George Campbell had prised St. George wide open.

Full backs David Skeen and Rob O'Shea also were willing to push up in support. So too was stopper Mike O'Shea.

Hellas' full backs, Gerry Bennett and Socrates Nicolaides, provided minimal attacking thrusts. That was left to the wingers. The midfielders, although they worked hard, did not get in fast enough to support the strikers. The ball also tended to move too slowly up the field. Hellas' passing generally was slower than that of St. George.

But Hellas had a star in sweeper Arthur Xanthopoulos,

who defended stoutly and pushed his team forward.

Alan Davidson took a lot of responsibility on his shoulders but he merited an otherwise sound performance by being sent off for taking a kick at John O'Shea two minutes from the end. Steve Blair had the task of marking Saints' recruit Ted MacDougall and notwithstanding the shrewd play of MacDougall — like using his chest to lay the ball down for teammates — Blair restricted MacDougall to only a few long-range shots.

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Hellas' most eye-catching play was down the flanks through George Campbell and Carl Holford who both worked very hard.

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Even 0/28's a target for angry Olympic fans

By ANDY HENDERSON

Olympic 0 Bris. Lions 1

Scorer: Calvin Daunt
Referee: K. Small 5
Venue: Pratten Park.
Yellow cards: Ziras, Gavin, Koussas, Rowden (SO), Daunt (BL).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Wilson 7, Rowden 5, Rogers 7 (Hall 46-5), Ziras 6, Gavin 7, Redfern 5, Raskopoulos 7, Koussas 6, Katholos 7, Jennings 7.
BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 7, Jackson 8, Niven 7, Farris 7, Bennett 8, Attmore 9, Millman 19" - Ogden 7, Williamson 8, Daunt 6, Hogg 7, Wright 7.
The buzzy of Pratten Park again overlooked the hapless

Olympic side as it crashed to its seventh home defeat of the season.

Olympic started brightly enough when Kenny Wilson found space only to shoot weakly at the keeper.

Mark Koussas too, missed a sitter, when he headed into the side netting with the goal at his mercy.

But the uncompromising defence of Brisbane Lions led by Col Bennett and Steve Jackson took its toll and broke the attacking play of the home side. The young Lions boasting seven players under the age of 22 played with patience and composure and gave the impression that they came for both points by fighting for every ball.

A free kick from Mark Attmore found Bobby Ferris inside the box and a quick back heel provided Williamson with a shot which was only partly blocked by Gary Meier, providing Calvin Daunt with a tap in for the only goal of the match.

It was in the 34th minute. From this point the game degenerated as a spectacle as Lions cleverly slowed the pace by back passing at any opportunity and frustrating the eager Olympic side.

On many occasions all but Gary Meier, the Olympic keeper, were inside the Lions half with the visitors defending grimly. To their credit Lions were quick to break out of their defensive shell and threaten Meier.

Billy Williamson was particularly dangerous during those breaks, testing Meier with at

least two good shots in the latter stages of the game.

Players of both sides appeared to have difficulty controlling the ball on this rough Pratten Park surface adding to the frustration of Olympic's large contingent of supporters.

It is apparent that Olympic now has lost some of its zest as well as physical qualities.

It is almost certain that a number of players are unfit and can not sustain the effort this large home ground is demanding from them!

The morale amongst those players appears to be low and they were transferred onto their spectators as a bunch of them decided to do their own thing after the match. A noisy demonstration by fans was not confined to mere shouts of support for the strikers. The ball also tended to move too slowly up the field. Hellas' passing generally was slower than that of St. George.

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Senkalski and Lowe Keep KB climbing

**W.A. Hellas 1
Newcastle KB 2**
Scorers: Dunn (WA), Lowe, Senkalski (N).
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: about 2,500.
Referee: Bobby Kerr 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:
Crab 6, Maricic 6, Dunn 6, McGachey 6, McKie 6, Atzules 6, Sumner 7, Brennan 6, McGregor 6, Honeyman 6, Neys 6.

NEWCASTLE KB: Dando 6, Endacott 6, Drinkwater 6, Sneddon 6, Tredinnick 6, Senkalski 6, Robertson 6, Drysdale 7, Hamilton 7, Lowe 6, Jones 7 (Stamp 7th).

Newcastle continued its recent good form with a deserved 2-1 win over a badly out-of-form West Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium.

West Adelaide opened the scoring after 22 minutes with a Robbie Dunn header, which took a deflection off Newcastle's Roy Drinkwater.

However Newcastle's reply was swift and decisive.

It came three minutes later when David Lowe headed the ball past Martyn Crook from six metres.

Newcastle exploited West Adelaide's glaring defensive deficiencies in the 31st minute when Joe Senkalski beat a defender twice in the penalty area then slid the ball under Crook.

Newcastle could have had more goals in the first half but West Adelaide hung on until half-time.

The local team appeared to be on top for most of the second half and had two or three good opportunities to level but goalkeeper Phil Dando stopped everything that came his way.

The match was a poor ad-



Meno Toutsidis

vertisement for the Philips League. Quite simply, both sides lacked imagination although Newcastle, at least, was a cohesive unit.

Both sides were unable to string together a series of passes and West Adelaide looked more deficient in this area.

Irrespective of the quality of the match, Newcastle will be delighted with the points, which gives it a strong chance of avoiding relegation.



George McMillan - back in Makedonia's attack.

Hole in the net helps McMillan

**Makedonia 4
Marconi 1**
Scorers: 1-0 Ward 3m, 2-0 Ward 12m, 3-0 McMillan 52m, 3-1 Jankovics 59m, 4-1 Calderon 59m.

Ground: Connor Reserve.

Attendance: 1500.

Referee: E. Venios 6.

Cautions: Henderson.

Preston Makedonia: Wilson 7, Opatzins 8, Todorovski 8, Jones 7, Fox 7; Petrovski 7, Flavell 7, Lucchesi 6, Whittle 7, Ward 6, McMillan 9 (In-randa 54m).

MARCONI-DATSUN: Maher 7; Bosnic 7, Prskalo 7, Calderon 8, Degney 7; Jankovics 7, Vlari 7, Henderson 7, H. Silva 7, Hunter 8, Marland 7.

The switch of George McMillan to a striking role



Peter Desira

worked wonders for a Makedonia forward line which had practically forgotten how to hit the back of the net.

McMillan - with his direct, hard-running, hard-hitting style - not only unsettled a very ordinary Marconi back-line but also found a new way of scoring a goal - through a hole in the side netting.

The goal - Makedonia's third in the game and McMillan's first for the season - should never have been awarded as the striker's fierce shot hit the outside of the side netting and ended up in goal only because of a sizeable hole which referee Evan Venios clearly saw when he was forced to inspect the netting by the enraged Marconi players.

The referee was then forced to check with his linesman Bernie Upjohn but the latter also thought the goal was legitimate and Venios had no alternative but to point to the centre and award the score. McMillan's immediate reaction to the shot was a giveaway, as he buried his head in his hands at missing the target but Venios may have been distracted by Gary Ward who raised his arms and

ran towards McMillan to congratulate him.

But in essence, the goal made little difference to the result, as Makedonia already had wrapped the game up with two goals in the opening 12 minutes.

Marconi had scored a measly nine goals on its travels all year and had managed to score more than one goal in only two out of 12 away matches, so there never was any doubt about the outcome especially with the defensive 4-2-2 formation it adopted until half time.

Gary Ward scored both of the early goals.

McMillan set him up for the first in the third minute with a centre from the right and Ward finished the move off with a superb chip over the advancing Allan Maher.

Ward slammed in the second in a packed penalty area after the ball was touched on by David Jones following a corner by Claude Lucchesi.

The two goals took Ward's tally for the season to seven but he should have ended up with a hat-trick when he broke through on his own from the halfway line in the 31st minute only to shoot straight at Maher.

But Makedonia didn't take long to restore its three-goal lead - and McMillan was again part of the action.

He latched onto a cross from Claude Lucchesi and Steve Calderon could only deflect the ball into his own net in trying to stop the fierce drive.

Brisb. City 0 Foots. JUST 0

Venue: Spencer Park.
Crowd: about 1200.
Cautions: City - Bohan 26th, JUST: Ristovski 66th, Curovic 68th.

Referee: Gary Power 7.
CITY: Pazzano 7, Perry 7, Hermiston 8, Liddell 8, Tokasi 7, Hamilton 8, Plimblett 8, McVeigh 7, Palinkas 7, Bohan 7, Connor 7 (Cairney 75th).
JUST: Ciric 7, Kopicic 6, (inj. Vasic 53rd), Hazenbert 6, Kyriakoulas 6, Kondarios 7, Plevajacic 5, Kojic 5, Curovic 6, Ristovski 5, Ilioski 8, Lujic 6.

When Footscray JUST first visited Brisbane this season they were thrashed 7-1 by Lions and in their clash with Brisbane City at Spencer Park last weekend it is almost unbelievable

'Lucky': Dunleavy



Philip Micallef

Nyskohus after a fine solo run.

Chris Dunleavy who, together with defensive team mate Arno Bertogna, missed the match through suspension, gave full credit to the Adelaide side.

We did well in the first half but Adelaide got on top of us in the second," he said. "Actually we were lucky to win."

The match was dominated by two solid defences and goal-mouth threats were scarce.

The first good save came from Bobby Ferguson, who dived sideways to stop a diagonal shot from Alan Waldron who found himself unmarked in the Adelaide penalty area.

After the interval Wollongong's Jim Preston was glad to see two powerful headers from Les Carter and Neville Flounders miss the target as Adelaide City began to take up the initiative.

But with only seconds to go they were thwarted when Preston raised the loudest cheer of a rather quiet afternoon when he flew backwards to tip a point-blank header by Peter Rankin over the bar when a goal seemed certain.



Ricky Rosso

that that scoreline was not exceeded.

Brisbane City had no less than 12 clear-cut scoring chances while in 90 minutes Footscray JUST managed only three shots on goal - a weak Ilioski shot from 30 yards that was more like a back pass, another by the same player which was 20 feet over the crossbar and a Lujic shot which hit the upright but was offside anyway.

The match ended a scoreless draw which was solely a reflection on the inability of Brisbane City players to take the chances their team creates.

Apart from Ilioski and to a lesser extent Ciric and Kondarios, Footscray were woeful and used all their tricks to waste as much time as they could in the second half as they hung on for a totally undeserved point.

Where were the skills and exciting individual play for which many Footscray teams had become renowned?

Brisbane City officials had high expectations of a fair, even match after the debacle the previous week when fans had to be held back from the referee's room and Col Amos and his two linesmen had to be police escorted from the ground after disallowing what could have been a winning goal for City in the match against Sydney Olympic.

Footscray had requested a neutral referee and as a result Sydney's Gary Power was appointed. He was joined by Sydney linesman Manny Loupis and Chris Smythe after local referees placed a ban on Brisbane City senior matches in retaliation to comments made by City directors in relation to the Amos affair.

But the home crowd was stunned when in the space of 10 minutes at the end of the first half, the home side had two goals disallowed, there was no repeat of the ugly scenes of the previous week, probably because the City supporters could hardly believe their eyes but more likely because of the

no-nonsense way the decisions were made.

Power blew his whistle, told the players what he wanted them to do and before any protest could evolve the match was again underway.

The first incident came in the 30th minute and followed a lengthy period when City had pinned Footscray in their own defensive third for more than 10 minutes.

The defence had cleared and the backline raced forward. City fullback Steve Perry collected the ball and played a neat chip to Bobby Hamilton who flicked it through to Jim Hermiston.

Hermiston chipped Ciric but his shot hit the crossbar. It rebounded to the Scotsman's feet and he made no mistake with the second attempt.

Power blew for a goal and the City players ran back to their own half. But at least half a dozen Footscray players besieged linesman, Loupis, protesting for offside. Loupis signalled the referee and after a short discussion, Power over-ruled his decision and awarded a free kick for offside.

"Hamilton was obscured and I had not seen him flick the ball on. As far as I was concerned the through ball came from Perry and when he played it, Hermiston was onside," Power explained after the match.

"The linesman had seen it right but thought I had over-ruled him but after talking to him we put the situation right."

The second incident, in the 40th minute, came from a Joe Patnick corner which Frank Liddell headed in from the edge of the penalty box.

Bevan Bohan flicked the ball into the net from close range but linesman Loupis again ruled offside. He later described the margin as only about "five or six inches".

The City players later protested that they had thought there was a man standing behind a post, whom the linesman may not have seen. They claim he was in fact Bohan's marker.

I was not placed to see either incident properly to comment.

But irrespective of whether the goals were good or not City had enough opportunities to put the result beyond doubt, as they had the previous week against Olympic.

Bevan Bohan put two headers onto the crossbar, one a sitter in front of an open goal, while Frank Liddell and Bobby Hamilton also found the woodwork.

Hamilton and Liddell also had other attempts go inches wide and even Hermiston watched in vain as a 30 metre shot skidded over the top of the crossbar.

The Footscray attack was totally ineffective and for most of the game hardly seen. Their midfield was uncompetitive and the defence chose only to knock the ball anywhere to get it away from the goal.

Jim Kondarios won his share of the ball and Milutin Ciric was relatively effective until he injured a leg. Dragan

Vasic came on early in the second half to replace fullback Michael Kopicic who had the tip of his hand opened by a stud.

Kopicic was having his first game since transferring from Western Suburbs.

But Ilioski was left to do all the work and eventually, midway through the second half, tired from the task and from then it was all one-way traffic.

It was little wonder the JUST players jumped for joy when the final whistle went.

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SUNSHINE 1 (Pete penalty)
JUVENTUS 4 (Incantulupo 2,
French, G. Bannon)

SUNSHINE: Masseni 7, Grams-
bergen 6 (Pete 70th), Ellis 7, Lowe
7, Taylor 6, Mussel 6, R. Nelson 7,
Waters 7, Bala 6, D. Nelson 7,
McRobert 6 (McNally 85th).

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 8, V.
Bannon 6, P. Bannon 7, Davidson
6, Hird 7, G. Bannon 6, Cunningham
6, Swinscoe 6, Hoery 5 (J. Nelson
60th), Incantulupo 6, French 7.

Rumors were flying around Chap-
lin Reserve after this match that
there could be a coaching upheaval
this week.

The Shicers could find them-
selves in the relegation fight shortly
if they don't pick up a few points
soon.

Juventus struck its first blow in
the 15th minute when Sunshine de-
fenders kept backing off Fabio In-
cantulupo who let fly once in range

of goal and sent the ball whistling
into the far corner from about
16 metres.

Just before half time Dave
Nelson had a great chance to level
but blasted over from four metres.

Juventus went further ahead in
the 55th minute. Incantulupo
crossed from the left, Tony Heery
did well to win the ball then knocked
it inside for Graham French who
whacked it in from only four met-
res.

Norrie Pate replaced struggling
Rob Gramsbergen and made no
mistake from the penalty spot after
Ged Bannon brought down Frank-
ston Mussel inside the area.

Five minutes later Juve restored
its two goal lead with a goal of the
game. French glanced the ball with
a fine header into the path of In-
cantulupo who met it perfectly
about 19 metres out and sent it
thundering into the top corner with
a stunning drive.

Sunshine's demise was completed
in the 68th minute when Incantulupo
crossed, French nodded down, and
Ged Bannon whacked the ball home
from close range.

Sunshine's inability to finish
again was evident, however a
couple of Sunshine players must be
shaking their heads in disbelief at
the agility of Juve keeper Alex Fan-
toma.

One of Fantoma's saves, from a
Roger Bain pleader, had to be
seen to be believed. The Juve

keeper flung himself full length and
while airborne clasped the ball clean-
ly, dropped to the deck and main-
tained possession.

Will Frankston do a Houdini?

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 4 (Carroll 2, Burton, Hoyland)
FRANKSTON 5 (Tutill 2, Mitchell, Cooke, Wall)

WILHELMINA: Barclay 5 -
Pasman 6, Luyten 6 (sent off 80th),
de Graaf 5 (inj. Brooks 40th 7), Ver-
niers 6 (Thom 6 (Sewart 80th)),
GIBSON 5, Burton 7 - Carroll 6,
Hoyland 6, Stewart 4.
FRANKSTON: Peterson 7 -

Stewart 7, Pye 8, Drincosky 7,
Campbell 7 - Buchanan 7, Cooke 8
(inj. Gobby 85th), Mitchell 7 - Wall
6, Tutill 8 (inj. Reeder 77th), Se-
kushki 8.

Nine goals, John Luyten
sent off and a dramatic last
seven minutes after Frankston
twice threw away a three goal
lead - this surely must qualify
as the thriller of the State
League season.

Frankston now is poised to
do a Houdini escape act from
the bottom.

Wilhelmina coach Mike de
Bruyckere must be shaking his
head in disbelief even now as
he watched his side open the
scoring in the 8th minute only
to slump behind twice by three

goals, at 4-1 and 5-2, then
comeback and almost snatch a
draw.

Joe Carroll, Wilhelmina's
best, cut the ball back for
Barry Burton to make it 1-0
but a hard, low shot by Paul
Cooke in the 25th minute level-
led the scores. Cooke played
a one-two with Bill Buchanan
then ran on and cracked the
ball past big Ken Barclay.

The tall Wilhelmina keeper
had a minor nightmare and
must take a lot of the blame
for at least two of Frankston's
goals.

The Baysiders hit the front
in the 33rd minute when
Graham Tutill, their best on
the day, cut inside Luyten and
crossed for Colin Mitchell
whose low, diving header
made it 2-1.

That was the half time score
but not even the most imagina-
tive playwright could have
dreamt of the drama which
would envelop the second half.

A minute after the restart
Richard Sekushki crossed.
Tutill challenged Barclay who
should have had no trouble but
allowed the ball to fall in
behind and Kevin Wall had no
trouble making it 3-1.

The Wilhelmina defence was
caught dreadfully square later
in the half and the elusive
Tutill broke clear, drew Bar-
clay, then slotted the ball past
him as he came out.

Wilhelmina looked down and
out.

Carroll though, was running
Paul Drincosky ragged and
notched the first of his two
goals a few minutes later when
he got free inside the area and
slotted the ball past Frank Pe-
tersen.

Tutill restored Frankston's
three goal cushion in the 77th
minute but was injured in the
process and had to be re-
placed. The Frankston striker
prodded the ball in during a
goalmouth melee but was
kicked on the knee Barclay
had dropped a high ball which
led to the ensuing scrimmage
and Tutill's goal.

Dave Hoyland made it 5-3 in
the 80th minute and a fine
Carroll goal in the 85th minute
set up a nail biting finish.

POLONIA 2 (Smolarek,
Krynski) DOVETON 2 (Do-
wie, Quin)

POLONIA: Ostrowsky 5
(Dzielskiowski H.T. 5) - Klein
5, Mila 6, A. Czupnik 6, Pich-
ner 5 - Lipinski 5, P.
Czapnik 5, Smolarek 6 -
Lakic 5, Krynski 5, Przybyla
5 (Jaworski 65th).

DOVETON: Keogh 7 -
Train 7, Waite 7 (inj. Stirton
64th inj. Marwick 72nd sent
off 81st), Hukusi 8, Gooch 7
- McIvor 7, Andrews 7,
Dowie 8, Quin 6 - Thurlow
7, Webster 8.

John Dowie, ex-Clyde in
Scotland, scored on his debut.
Doveton's other Scottish
import Ian Stirton was injured
and his replacement, player-
coach Ernie Merrick, was sent
off for the first time in seven
years.

These were the big stories
from Raleigh Reserve as the
Doves maintained their fight

away from the relegation
zone.

Peter Thurlow didn't get on
the score sheet but he came
mightily close in the first half.
In the opening minute big
Thurlow got clear with only
Polonia keeper Larry Os-
trowsky facing him but shot
wide and later in the half, with
the Doves leading 2-0, Thurlow
let fly with a cracking drive
which cannoned onto the up-
right.

Doveton opened its account
in the 14th minute when Mike
McIvor crossed from the right
in search of Thurlow. From
the ensuing scrimmage the
ball was knocked out to the
edge of the area and the in-
coming Dowie powered it past

the helpless Ostrowsky with a
fine shot.

Seven minutes later Alan
Quin bobbed up at the back
post to head in and make it 2-0.

Polonia hit back five
minutes from half time when
the ball was crossed from the
right, Tad Krynski missed
with an attempt to chest down
and Mirek Smolarek was next
in line and scored with a half
volley from about six yards.

Krynski though didn't miss
a second time. He was on hand
for a first time shot in the 57th
minute which caught Doveton
Sean Keogh flat footed.

Victorian State
League with
CRAIG MACKENZIE

Shut our
mouth, we've
displeased the giant
—shudder, shudder, shudder...

A prominent State
League club sent "Soccer
Action" a letter threat-
ening legal action over
comments made in this
paper recently by Hellas-
Hakoah coach Jim Adam.

We've heeded the tone of the
letter and have decided not to
mention the club this week for
fear of further literature in the
same mould.

The people who run the club
are regarded as friends of ours
and at all times we have shown
ourselves to be approachable.

So the letter took everyone
at "Soccer Action" by sur-
prise.

Despite the many features
run in this paper on the club,
its coach, and many players
over a good few years and de-
spite last year's Channel 9/28
profile on the club which would
never have happened had we
not selected the club and done
the profile, the club saw fit to
threaten legal action if we
didn't publish within 14 days of
receiving the letter, a retraction
of Adam's comments.

What was published in this
paper were Adam's opinions,
not the opinion of me, the
writer, not the publisher. God
knows, if the publisher were
told the name of the club and
asked if that meant anything to
him he probably would have
thought that you were talking
about a suburb of Mars.

So be it. We don't want to
again incur the wrath of this
colossus of the second-best
league in the land.

There are six other State
League games this weekend.

The pick of the bunch could
be at Chaplin Reserve where
home side George Cross takes

on Melbourne Croatia on Sun-
day.

The Cross has lost only one
game at home this year, to an
unnamed State League oppo-
nent, and Croatia will find
Tony Vella's side a handful.

Croatia will have to be thor-
oughly organised and dis-
ciplined at the back to cope
with Bobby Toal and Carl Gil-
der. Of course, Gilder will be
fired up for this game against
his former club. While with
Croatia, Gilder took a bit of
stick from the fans from time
to time and here he gets the
chance to answer back the
only way he can - by turning
it on and showing the qualities
which made him one of the
best strikers in Victoria in
recent times.

The last time these sides
met Toal and Steve Kokoska
clashed and Kokoska was
given a red card so the earth
may tremble if these two get
near each other on Sunday.

Howver the surging waters
sweeping Frankston on and on
toward the murky depths of
Metro ranks (poetic stuff isn't
it) like some flotsam bobbing
in a torrent of financial
despair...

Falcons will win.
POSTSCRIPT: I'll be down
at the game for the battle of
Chivas Regal, Les. And I won't
bring the camel this time.

There's not much space left,
so I'll be brief.

Juventus may have to settle
for a share of the spoils
against Wilhelmina at Olympic
Park, Hellas-Hakoah must
beat Sunshine at Middle Park
to keep its top four chance
alive while Northcote can
snatch a point from Crocydon at
Croydon Park.

All these games are on Sun-
day.

There's another game on
Sunday at Waratah Reserve
between Doveton and some-
one.

Incidentally, the moral to
this article is - you've got to
take the good with the bad.

Apology

An article headed "Barba-
ric Adam hits at Ajax" in
"Soccer Action" on July 21
in no way reflected the view
of writer Craig Mackenzie or
this newspaper.

The article merely quoted
the views of Hellas-Hakoah
coach Jim Adam.

Albion Rovers and Polonia
meet at Selwyn Park on Sat-
urday and pools punters won't go
far wrong if they select a draw
here.

Although Albion could be
with a handful more points and
Polonia is determined (none

JUVENTUS BUS

Juventus is providing a bus for supporters travelling to the match against
Morwell Falcons in Morwell on Saturday, August 14.

It will leave the car park at Olympic Park No.2 ground at 10 am.

Cost of the return fare is only \$8.

Booking can be made on 367-8322 (bus.) or 857-7379. (s.h.)

de Bruyckere late sub

Ringwood Wilhelmina coach Mike de Bruyckere is a late in-
clusion in the State League coaches 11 published last week in
"Soccer Action".

Coach Miljo Kis and his technical committee were staggered to
learn that they had omitted the multi-talented de Bruyckere from
the original side but the sudden ineligibility of Harry Chalkitis has
opened the way for Wilhelmina's exciting attacking midfielder to
parade his talents in this world-class outfit.

As we went to press we were unable to confirm rumors started
by Northcote's Billy Milten that playmaker Tony Boggi had started
smoking again and would be axed from the starting line-up.

SATURDAY
Albion Rovers v. Polonia at
Selwyn Park, 2.45 pm.

Frankston v. Morwell
Falcons at Centenary Park,
2.45 pm.

SUNDAY
Doveton v. 777 at Waratah
Reserve, 3 pm.

Croydon v. Northcote at
Croydon Park, 3 pm.

George Cross v. Croatia at
Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

Hellas-Hakoah v. Sunshine
at Middle Park, 3 pm.

Juventus v. Ringwood Wil-
helmina at Olympic Park No.
2, 3 pm.

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ANY OF THE STORES — YOUR BUFFALO SPORTS SPECIALIST SOCCER STORES

Tommy Robertson returns

Former George Cross great Tommy Robertson returned to the coaching helm of Frankston City which parted company with Harry Chalkitis last week.

Robertson coached the Baylanders in the second half of last season and is highly regarded by the club administrators.

Chalkitis and Frankston City spokesman Les Smith gave different versions of last week's upheaval.

"Frankston needed to cut down on costs so we decided that it was in everyone's interest if I left," said Chalkitis.

"Really, it's a bit of a micky mouse game at times. I often think that clubs should take a long, hard look at themselves. Look what happened at Croatia and Croydon this year. Billy McArthur was doing a good job at Croatia but still got sacked. About a week later he was Croydon in place of Ken Kontra. By all accounts Ken was doing well there and he had been particularly hard hit by injuries. Sometimes I wonder where we're heading in soccer here."

"I want to do myself a favor next year and join a solid club, not one where you have to sell good players to keep afloat but a club with the basis to build."

Smith claimed, however, that Chalkitis was sacked because the players and the committee had lost confidence in his ability.

"We spent \$13,000 on players for Harry this year but frankly I don't think he was doing the job," said Smith.

"His tactics against Green Gully were unbelievable. We used a couple of sweepers, tried to bottle up the midfield and left the Lone Ranger up front. Our best forward, Kevin Wall, was carrying an injury but played in the reserves. For my money, even half fit, Kevin's worth his place."

"The last straw was against Sunshine when Harry sat a 45-year-old, Kurt Schroeder, on the bench. Now at the start of the year we told Harry that we wanted to promote young, local talent so with all due respects to Kurt, what kind of promotion do you call that?"

Billy, Billy, Billy

MORWELL FALCONS 0 ALBION ROVERS 1 (Whiteside o.g.)

FALCONS: Whiteside 6 — Smart 6, Irvine 5, Higham 7, Neil 8 — Bond 6, Bingham 8, O'Callaghan 7 — Milton 6, McCluskey 6, T van Beer 6.

ALBION: Lacey 7 — Cutler 7, Murray 6, Cressy 7, A McMillan 7 — Ferris 8, O'Sullivan 6, Smart 7 — Lloyd 8, S McMillan 7, Coyne 6.

An own goal from Falcons keeper Bill Whiteside in the 80th minute was enough to split these sides.

Bennie Ferris took a corner awarded after the referee overruled his linesman who had flagged for a goalkick. As Ferris sent the ball over Whiteside seemed to stumble then at the last minute made a desperate attempt to punch clear but only succeeded in putting the ball into the back of his own net.

"Soccer Action's" phones ran hot on Monday morning as the Bennie Ferris Fan Club got to work claiming that the Little Scot should have been credited with the goal.

There were some unusual refereeing and linesmen's decisions here. Probably the strangest occurred in the 89th minute. Sandy Irvine crossed and Harry Bingham's diving header sent the ball onto the post then wide. The ref heeded his linesman who flagged for offside even though Gary Cutler and Danny Lacey were standing on the Albion goal line. Falcons players protested so the ref decided to award a stop ball. Almost unbelievably though he dropped the ball on the edge of the penalty area, 10 metres away from where Bingham was wrongly ruled offside.

—MICK O'BRIEN

Revenge for Ajax

AJAX 3 (Paul Lewis 2, Gardiner) CROYDON 1 (Rooney)

AJAX: Davys 8 (in McKenna 70th) — Peter Lewis 8, Gardiner 8, Cannell 8, Hughes 8 — Boyle 6, Vassallo 6, Williams 8 — Macleod 8, Paul Lewis 8, Murray 8.

CROYDON: Kestner 7 — Brown 7, McComb 7, Dobson 7, Hudson 7 — Corrie 7, Roney 7, Rooney 6 — P. Lacey 8, Thackwell 6, Lee 8.

Ajax now has strung 13 straight league wins together which means, of course, that the champion elect has beaten every side in the competition.

Its last loss was against Croydon Park and manager-coach Bobby McLachlan stressed to his players before Sunday's game how important it was to be able to say at the end of the 1982 campaign that the side had beaten all comers at least once.

Croydon never was in the hunt here.

It was caught square in the 15th minute as Gus Macleod drew Steve McComb wide and set up the space for Paul Lewis to exploit with his pace and slot past Croydon keeper Lou Kastner. The veteran custodian was making his first appearance in State League circles for two years after transferring from Preston Macedonia earlier this year. He did well here to get a hand to Lewis' shot but couldn't stop the ball from going in. Jimmy Rooney fouled Peter Boyle on the corner of the area in the 32nd minute and this led to a classic John Gardiner goal. The Ajax sweeper ran up to the ball on an angle and hammered it with the outside of his right foot sending it swerving viciously into the roof of the Croydon net.

Just before half time though Stuart Cannell and Gardiner misjudged a long throw-in and little Rooney nipped in to tap the ball past Lou Denys who was injured in the process.

Ajax rounded off the scoreline in the 57th minute when the ball was knocked into the Croydon area as quick as it had come out. Paul Lewis spun around and hammered the ball past Kastner from about four metres.

Melbourne protests

Dennis Boland is at the centre of a protest concerning involving Metro Second Division clubs Melbourne and South Melbourne Mordialloc.

Boland, South Melbourne Mordialloc's keeper, played a big part in his team's 1-0 win over Melbourne two weeks ago.

Melbourne claims that Boland joined Mordialloc after the June 30 transfer deadline and therefore believes that he was an ineligible player.

The VSF tribunal will hear the case tonight (Wednesday) but it looks likely that the result will stand. Boland was a registered PSL player and joined from Footscray J.U.S.T. this year on loan. The VSF transfer deadline applies only to players already registered with the federation and seeking a transfer.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
BOX HILL 6 (Ramos 3, Patterson Hughes, Priestley) RICHMOND 0.

BOX HILL: Morgan 8, McLeod 8, Roodhouse 7, Lawler 7, Brownlie 8, Hughes 7, Ramos 8, Toimie 7, Veitch 8.

Les Shorrocks

FRANKLIN PINES 2 (Cullen, Malcolm) SLAVIA 0

PINES: Stutchbury 7, Ferris 6, Edmondson 6, Murray 6, Paulding 7, P. Lacey 8, McGowan 7, O'Halloran 7, Malcolm 7, Cullen 8, Keenan 7 (D. Luca H.T. 6).

BEST PLAYERS: Pines: Cullen, Murray, McGowan.

Franklin Pines just deserved to win this very poor contest.

They opened their account after 38 minutes when Brian Keenan's cross from the left wasn't cleared and John Cullen hammered the ball in from about 16 metres out.

Brian Paulding was sent off in the 89th minute and Slavia came into the game and was a bit unlucky not to score.

With two minutes left a corner from the right was headed on by Murray and George Malcolm tucked the ball away at the back post.

Mick McGowan made a welcome return for Pines and his presence should give the attack much more bite in the run-in to the end of the season.

Croatia consolidates

CROATIA 1 (Brogan) HELLAS-HAKOAH 1 (Patsakos)

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Adams 8, Parton 7, Danksovic 7, Bliver 7 — Faulkner 7 (in Dacic 30th) — Murphy 8, Blaskic 8 — Laiff 8 (Kusa 80th), Brogan 7, Gojovic 7.

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Fryzler 7 — Davidson 8 (in Patsakos HT 7), Kallitidis 8, Kallitidis 8 (in Owen 3rd), Traffante 7 — Belinovic 7, Wilson 7, Rooney 7, Ross 7, Cummings 7.

Croatia may be disappointed with its lack of finishing ability here nonetheless, as competitors faltered Croatia consolidated its top four spot and now finds itself with a five point cushion in second place on the league ladder.

Three times Croatia was denied by the woodwork. Young Steve Gojovic shot against the post twice and little firewire Jospic Belinovic cracked a volley onto the upright in the 50th minute.

Hellas-Hakoah started badly when Steve Kallitidis appeared to twist an ankle and had to be replaced by Tony Owen after just three minutes.

Dave Brogan and Gojovic had the best of the early chances but shot wide, however, Brogan made amends in the 32nd minute. Kris Kallitidis fouled Brogan and Keith Adams took the resultant free, sending the ball in behind the Hellas-Hakoah defence. Mike Fryzler appeared slow to come out and Brogan nipped in, stuck out a foot and tapped the ball home.

Tom Patsakos replaced injured Danny Davidson during the interval and levelled in the 54th minute. A free kick was played into the Croatia area and cleared but the ball went straight to Vlado Bozinkovic whose pinpoint cross found the head of Patsakos about four metres out.

BOZIKAS BACK!

By JOE PICIOANE

crossed to Tuffield who played the ball back for Bozikas to volley a first time shot past a helpless keeper.

The game was sewn up and Fawcner rested on its laurels till the final whistle.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
FAWKNER 4 (Bozikas 3, Anselma) KEW CITY 1 (Williams)

FAWKNER: Terzini 6, Sabadini 6, C Petrovic 6, Fattori 6, Schipano 6, Sabadini 6, B Sabadini 7, Mainelli 6, Tuffield 7, Bozikas 8, Anselma 8.

KEW CITY: Lukac 5, G Petrov 7, McCluskey 7, Lyness 5, Stewart 6, Parsons 5, McElhinney 7, Naragawa 6, Lynn 5, Macleod 6, Williams 6.

In the opening 15 minutes Fawcner had four shots cleared off the line. It finally scored in the 20th minute when Bruno Sabadini won a ball in midfield and crossed to Andy Bozikas who scored the first of his three goals.

Kew equalised when Williams, left unmarked, headed the ball past Terzini following a free kick.

Fawcner, playing well, created numerous chances. From a mad scramble in the penalty area, Mario Anselma scored. Bozikas scored his second goal due to the persistent efforts of Ian Tuffield and Anselma, when his shot beat the oncoming keeper.

The second half, lacking in atmosphere saw Fawcner lose the game down, knowing that it had it won. Yet Kew, not giving up, attacked consistently.

But Bozikas notched his hat-trick with the best team-play of the day. Bruno Sabadini

DIVISION TWO
ARDEER 2 (Dykm, Wisniewski) SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Pendrey)

ARDEER: Darch, Blichacz, Kuczyński, Olinowski, Czerniecki, J. Chelidze, Wisniewski, Gammie, K. Dykm, N. Christodoulidis, Saliba, Gondek, Palatides, Kotlaga.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Ryan, Keogh, Settla, Wessels, Holbig, Gollan, Pant, Pendrey, Lannan, Malt, Graener, Carnduff, Beard, Muir.

SCORERS: Ardeer — C. Dykm 61st, Wisniewski 85th; SPRINGVALE CITY — C. Pendrey 51st.

BEST PLAYERS: Ardeer: Czerniecki, Kuczyński, Dykm; SPRINGVALE CITY — Settla, Pendrey, Gollan.

Ardeer beat old rivals Springvale City 2-1 in a hard fought, entertaining game. Springvale City opened the game brightly, with Patten and Greener looking particularly dangerous.

After the interval Springvale City continued to be first to the ball and were rewarded in the 51st minute when a smart header from Lennan found Pendrey who blasted the ball past keeper Darch from close range.

Ardeer came back with midfielders Dykm and Gammie regaining the ascendancy. Ardeer equalised in the 61st minute when Dykm thundered a 20 metre free kick into the 10 man Springvale City wall, the ball being deflected into the net.

Ardeer were now playing well, and went ahead in the 88th minute when Gammie crossed to Dykm, who laid off a lovely ball to Wisniewski, who calmly slotted the ball past Springvale City keeper Runje.

DIVISION THREE
PORT MELBOURNE 1 (Petersen) SUNBURY UTD 3 (Thompson 2, Stewart)

SUNBURY UTD: Grech 9, Stevens 8, Duncan 6, Train 7, Blackley 8, Roberts 9, Campbell 8.

McCurdy, Tachiris clash

NORTHCOTE 0 GEORGE CROSS 0

NORTHCOTE: Karamitidis 7 — Petrakos 8, Lutton 7, Maitland 7, Bozikas 7 — Nelson 7, Nixon 8, Wright 8 — Bol 6 (Liccardi 60th), McCurdy (in). 70th (Tachiris), Constantinos 6.

GEORGE CROSS: Tachiris 7 — D'Alessandro 7, Blaskic 7, Wilkinson 7, Morgan 7 — Vello 6, Rigby 7, Kotzevski (in), Salvo 30th 6 — Toal 7, Glider 7, Mizi 7.

Former Northern Irish international Col McCurdy was injured in a 70th minute clash with George Cross keeper "Rocky" Tachiris and taken to Preston and Northcote Community Hospital with a suspected fractured cheekbone and nose.

However, Northcote supporters will be heartened to learn that the worst fears about their big, bustling striker were not realised and McCurdy was released from casualty late on Sunday night.

The Northerners certainly deserved a point here and it was George Cross which sighed with relief when the final whistle blew.

Young Spiro Karamitidis had a fairly easy afternoon. Only once, from a Dave Rigby chip, was he extended but managed to get a hand to the ball and palm it out.

Angelos Petrakos was given the job of tagging Bobby Toal and did well. The elusive Toal won his fair share of free kicks and Petrakos was booked however the Northcote defence was too solid throughout.

Int opening 20 minutes Northcote could have had three goals as the ball flashed across the goalmouth but there was no-one on the end of it to put the finishing touches on the moves.

Mila streaks away

Polonia sweeper Stephan Mila has streaked further ahead in his Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year award.

The classy Mila now is on 27 votes, six ahead of Paul Drinovsky from Frankston City.

Votes for last weekend's games: Northcote v George Cross: Petrakos (N), Rigby (GC).

Ringwood v Willebrae v Frankston: Carroll (RW), Tuffin (F).

Polonia v Doveton: Mila (P), Kallitidis (H-H).

Croydon v Hellas-Hakoah: Adams (C), Kallitidis (H-H).

Sunshine v Juventus: D. Nelson (S), Fetterme (U).

Morwell v Falcons v Albion Rovers: Irvine (MF), Ferris (AR), 777777 v Croydon: Vassallo (I), Corke (C).

Ametco Travel also sponsors our State League Top Scorer award.

The leading aspirant for the 1982 league season was a trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

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METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
Saturday: NEW CITY v Kew City.
Sunday: Morwell v Frankston Pines (draw); Slavia v FAWKNER; WESTERN SUBURBS v Doncaster Rovers; Keller Austria v BOX HILL; Richmond v Albion City (draw); Ball Park v Albion City (draw).

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: St Albans v Haldenham Parkers (draw); Ringwood v Utd v BROADMEADOWS; Springvale City v WERRIBEE; Waverley City v MELBOURNE; FOOTSCRAY JUST v Preston Macedonia (draw); STEEL BELLS MELBOURNE v Dandenong City; Haldenham Utd v ARDEER.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Brighton v NTH DANDENONG; YALLOURN v Carle; FRANKLIN PINES v Kewington; NUNAWADING CITY v Port Melbourne; Sunbury Utd v Colong (draw); Royal Richmond v Egham (draw); Marnborough v Thomastown (draw).

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: ROSSDALE v Cardiff City; Mooroolbark v Essendon Tristram (draw); SANDRINGHAM v Grambsborough; Geelong v MOORABBIN; FOOTSCRAY GULLY v HAWTHORN; ST GABLESH v Chelsea; NTH BEELING v Marnock Utd.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Laker Utd v Langwarrin (draw); St Yarrs v CLAYTON; KARINGALL Utd v Rossmore; Nunawading Utd v EAST BUNSWICK; HAWTHORN v Colong; SHEPPARTON CITY v Melton; Haskabum v BALLARAT.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: BORWEN v CENTRAL CITY; MORBIDALE v War Utd; BULLER v Kewton; AD-BOTSFOUR TASSA v Melton City; West Melbourne v YARRAVILLE; Serwick City v Regent (draw).

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: ASCOT UTD v Nth Sunshine; Murnambidge v HOLLAND PARK; SPRINGVALE UTD v Dingley; SEAROD v East Carlton; MISSISSIPPI RANGERS v HILL MABELLE; BATMAN LAZIO v Vermont; Port Utd v PASCOE VALLEY.

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Sunday: MACLEOD UTD v Melbourne Uni; Balaury City v LYNDALU Utd; Endeavour Hills v West Utd (draw); CHASTONDS v Lethbridge Utd; PARMAHO v Meadow Park; Sandown v POSTEL INSTITUTE; MACCABI HAKOAH v Balaury.

DIVISION TWO
Sunday: SPYING THISTLE v Essendon; RAFF MELBOURNE v Melbourne; Waverley Utd v West Utd; Royal Melbourne v KNOYNG RANGERS; DIAMOND CREEK v VICARIES; BAXTER v St Albans.

YOUTH LEAGUE
Sunday: Croydon City v BOX HILL NORTH WEST
Sunday: THOMASTOWN v Marnock Rovers; Port Melbourne v HELLAS HAKOAH; DANDENONG CITY v BRIGHTON v Melbourne Croatia kids-off 1.15 pm.

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OSVOJENI BOD U BRIZBENU — KAO KUĆA VELIKI U Brizbenu je JUST igrao utakmicu koja je više licila na rasplamsanu bitku u Bejrutu nego na lep i zabavan fudbal. Oba kluba se nalaze u opasnoj zoni tabele Phillips Lige i oba iznad glava imaju o tanku diaku viseci Domoklov mac — pretinju da iz ovog elitnog australijanskog fudbala slig dristva budu eliminisani.

Kad smo prole nedelje pisali da je JUST zbog povreda nad igricama imao muke da sastavi tim protiv Apje, ni slutiti nismo da ce ove nedelje biti u jos gorjoj situaciji, i da ce novi trener, Peter Jaksa, morati da "izgrebe dno kadic" u pravom smislu reci, kako bi sastavio tim za ovu utakmicu.

Jovanovic, kome je kazna prosila, sada je na stopalu jedne noge, na malom prstu, imao neku posekoticu, koja ga je, eto, spreclava da iza se timom i bude, inace, briljantan.

Milne je prole nedelje uveravao Ruzmira da je sasvim u redu i spreman da igra protiv Apje, a sada je, bas kad mu se tim bori na zivot i smrt za opstanak u Phillips Ligi, organizovao neku malu i beznacajnu operaciju na sebi koja je mogla da se obavi bez ikakve greske po isteku Sezone.

O'Reilly, jedan od najboljih igraca odrbane JUST-a prole nedelje, povredio se na treningu proslog cetvrtka i — imao je da ostane u Melbournu.

Povredjenom Pavlu Simicu u ponedeljak je noga stavljena u gips, pa se polako i nesigurno gega na stakama.

Vec nedeljama Dragan Vasic nosi neku misicu povredu i nije u stanju da odigra posteno i kako treba utakmicu od pocetka do kraja u timu Druge Divizije, a sada je imao da ide u Brizben i da od 50.

the re-start. Some fine goalkeeping by Steve Smith, kept Croatia in the game. The draw means that Juventus is now on top by virtue of their superior goal difference. Rapid-Wrest Point moved level on points with Juventus when it beat White Eagles 3-2 after being 1-1 at half-time.

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ΣΚΟΡΕΡ: ΑΡΖΑΝΑΣ 2, Β. ΠΑΛΑΜΑΡΑΣ, ΒΑΡΟΣΕ ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΕΤΙΝ νίκησε μέσα στο γηπεδό του τó πύνα Ιοχυρό και δόσκολο Γκράμπουρν καίηρατάει σταθερά τήν 5η θέση στον βαθμολογικό πίνακα. Είναι δέ 4 βαθμοί πίσω από τούς δευτέρους Μπουλβήν — Κλίφτον Χίλ γιά νά μειώσει γιά τήν 2η προνομιόχο θέση. Στόν αγώνα τού Σαββάτου ξεχώρισαν οί Λι χρόδης, Β. Παλαμάρας και Σταθόπουλος. Τó σκορ άνοιξε ό τάλαντούχος 'Αρζάνας αλλά τó Γκράμπουρν ισοφάρισε γιά νά σκοράρει καί πάλι ό ίδιος παίκτης φτιάχνουν ντας τó 2-1.

Ετήν συνέχεια οί Β. Παλαμάρας και Βάρσοο έγραψαν τó 4-1 γιά νά μειώσει τó σκόρ η φιλοξενούμενη ομάδα σά τελευταία λεπτά που ήταν καί τó τελικό αποτέλεσμα 4-2. Έπαιξαν οί Γεωργίου, Σταθόπουλος, Παπαδόπουλος, Σαματζής, Πετρόπουλος, Ν. Παλαμάρας (46' Βάρσοο), Άλσιος, Μαυρίδης, Αρζάνας, Β. Παλαμάρας, Λιχρόδης (70' Ταϊμάζης). 'Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 5-3 καί με γκολ τών Γεωργιάδη 2, Μακέν 2, Π. Γεωργίου.

ΠΑΡΑΛΟΝ ΕΚΠΛΗΞΗ ΣΤΟ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΛ ΜΕ ΤΟ "Χ" Η ΔΟΞΑ ΕΠΑΙΞΕ ΑΛΛΑ ΤΟ ΜΠΕΡΙΚ ΣΚΟΡΑΡΙΞΕ ΣΚΟΡΕΡ Ο ΠΙΣΤΡΙΑΝΣ 2

Η πρωτοπόρος Δόξα Γιαρραβιλ μέσα στο γηπεδό της παρεχώρησε Ισοπαλία 2-2 στο δύ ναμικό Μπέρικ που από τήν άρχή τής συνάντησης πρόσζε τήν άμυνά του ένδ δύο φορές κατόρθωσε νά προηγηθεί στο σκόρ χάρις καί μόνο σέ δύο βασικά σφάλματα τής άμυνάς της.

'Η έλληνική ομάδα ήταν άνωτερη σέ όλο τó διάστημα τού αγώνα καί προπάντων στο τελευταίο ήμισυ που έπαιζε τήν αντίπαλό της μονότερμα.

Στό σκόρ προηγήθηκε τó Μπέρικ στο 17' έλ λά δ κεφάτος Πετρίδης ισοφάρισε στο 33' γιά νά λήξει τó Α' μέρος Ισοπαλία 1-1. Ετήν επανάληψη η δόξα πέρασε στήν επίθεση καί πάλι αλλά στο 53' νέο λάθος τής άμυνάς της χάρισε ένα άκομη τέρμα στο Μπέρικ.

Ετήν συνέχεια παρά τίς συνεχείς επιθέσεις της ήταν αδύνατον νά ισοφαρίσει καί οί άμυντικοί του Μπέρικ άπέκρουσαν τουλάχιστον πέντε φορές έπάνω στήν γραμμή τού τέρματός τους. Τó γκολ τής Ισοφάρισης ήλθε στο 87' με τόν Πάλ Πετρίδη που από κοντά μετά μεταβίβαση τού Τίμ Παπαχριστοδούλου έστειλε τήν μπάλλα σά δίχτυα κάνοντας τó 2-2. 'Από τήν ομάδα καλύτεροι παίκτες ήταν οί Πάλ Πετρίδης, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Τ. Αμανατίδης καί Ντένης 'Αποστολίδης. Έπαιξαν οί Ν. Αποστολίδης, Τζαμπάζης, Ντ. 'Αποστολίδης, Δημητρίου, Τ. Αμανατίδης, Τερζάκης, Καλλιπολίτης, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Χύτας (70' Σαυρίδης), Μελέτης καί Πετρίδης. 'Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 4-0. Τό Σάββατο η δόξα άγωνίζεται στο Ρόυαλ Πάρκ με τó Γουέστ Μέλμπουρν.

Η ΚΑΡΑΡΙΝΤΑ ΚΟΝΤΑ ΣΤΗΝ 2η ΣΕΡΗ ΝΙΚΗΣΕ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΣΕΝΤΡΑΛ 3-0

'Εκτός έδρας η Καραρίντα πέτυχε μιά άκόμη νίκη επί τού Σέντραλ Σίτι με 3-0 καί έθεσε υποψηφιότητα γιά τήν 2η προνομιόχο θέση. 'Η ή βρίσκεται ένα μόνο βαθμό από τούς δευτέρους Μπουλβήν καί Κλίφτον καί όλα θά έξαρτηθούν από τούς άγώνες που έχει νά δώσει καί με τούς δύο.

'Η ομάδα τού Άσκη Μανταράκη από τήν ήμερα πού τήν παρέλαβε ό συμπαιός τεχνικός πριν έξη βδομάδες, έχει πετύχει Ισάριθμα

καλά αποτελέσματα καί έχει πάρει έξη νίκες. 'Όπως μάς είπε ό Μανταράκης είναι εύχαριστημένος με τά νεορά παιδιά που βρήκε στον σύλλογο καί πιστεύει ότι η έπιτυχία του όφείλεται στο ότι δέν υπάρχουν βεντέτες στήν ομάδα.

ΤΑ ΤΖΟΥΝΙΟΡΕ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΞΑΣ ΧΟΡΕΥΟΥΝ

Μεγάλο χορό δίνει η δόξα Γιαρραβιλ γιά τίς ομάδες Τζούνιορς τó Σάββατο 7 Αύγουστου 1982 καί από ώρα 7.30 μ.μ. είς τήν πολυτελέστατη αίθουσα δεξιώσεων τού FRANCIS ST. STATE SCHOOL στο FRANCIS ST. στο YARRAVILLE.

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ΚΑΤΙ ΔΕΝ ΠΑΕΙ ΚΑΛΑ ΣΤΗΝ Ν. ΕΛΛΑΔΑ

'Η Ν. ΕΛΛΑΔΑ πού με λίγη προσοχή σέτος θά μπορούσε νά κίσει τήν 2η προνομιόχο θέση στο πρωτάθλημα τής Γ' τού Μετροπόλιταν, έχασε τó περασμένο Σάββατο μέσα στο γηπεδό της 3-1 καί περιόρισε τίς έλ πίδες της.

Πάντως άπό τήν άκούσαμε μετά τόν αγώνα με τó Σάμπουρν δημιουγήθηκαν έπείσδεια είς βάρος τού τεχνικού Πήτερσον. Ατό όμως πού άκούγεται είναι καίη γιά πατερδίες καί γιά τά παιδιά τους πού παίζουν στήν ομάδα.

Δέν γνωρίζουμε ποιοί έχουν τó δικίο έλ-λά αυτό πού έξέρουμε είναι πώς ό προπονητής επικρίλεται νά τόν άφήσουν όλοι νά κάνει τήν δουλειά του. 'Αλλοίμονο έν δ κάθε πατέρας κάνει κομμένο γιά νά τολέει ο γίδς του... τότε δέν χοιλάτουνι ό τεχνικός.

ΜΕ 3 ΒΑΘΜΟΥΣ ΜΠΡΟΣΤΑ ΤΟ ΣΚΑΗ ΝΙΚΗΣΕ ΕΚΤΟΣ ΕΔΡΑΣ ΤΟ ΧΑΜΠΝ 4-2

ΣΚΟΡΕΡ: ΠΑΠΑΤΣΙΑΣ, ΚΙΑΚΟΣ, ΚΡΙΤΣΙ ΑΙΔΗΣ, ΚΟΝΤΟΚΩΣΤΑΣ.

Νέα μεγάλη νίκη πέτυχε τó ΣΚΑΗ εκτός έδρας επί τού Χάμπν Ραίητζερς καί συνεχίζει νά βρίσκεται με 3 βαθμούς μπροστά στο πρωτάθλημα τής Α' κατηγορίας τού Μετροπόλιταν.

'Η ελληνική ομάδα πού από τήν σύνθεσή της τής έλλειπαν οί βασικοί παίκτες της Στεργίου, Τζιτζής καί Κριβάρης, έπαιξε πολύ καλά καί πήρε δίκαια τήν νίκη. Τό σκορ άνοιξε ό Παπατσιάς στο 10' καί στο 18' ό τάλαντούχος Κιάκος έφτιαξε τó 2-0.

Λίγο μετά ό Ηπατικιόττο από λάθος πέτυχε τέρμα είς βάρος τής ομάδας του αλλά ό Κριτσιλίδης άνέβασε τó σκορ στο 22' σε 3-1. Μετά 3 λεπτά τó Χάμπν μείωσε τήν διαφορά σέ 3-2 γιά νά πετύχει ό Κοντοκόστας στο 52' καί τέταρτο τέρμα καί νά γίνει τó 4-2 πού ήταν καί τó τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

'Από τó 'Όλη δέν ύστέρησε κανένας αλλά έξχωρη άπόδοση είχαν οί Λουκάς, Τσιάκος καί Κιάκος.

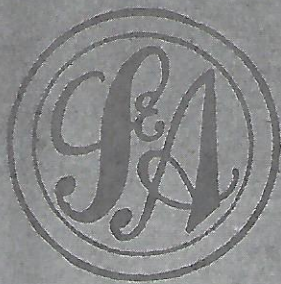
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'Η Β' ομάδα έχασε με 2-1.

Τό Σάββατο τó 'Όλη στο γηπεδό του υποδέχεται τήν τελευταία στον βαθμολογικό πίνακα καί είναι σίγουρο ότι θά πετύχει μιά ακόμα νίκη καί με μεγάλο σκορ. 'Όπως μάς είπε ό επί τού Τύπου τού συλλόγου κ. Αμανατής Κονοβίδας, τó 'Μπρούκεν ου πού έγινε ποδοπαση σημαίωσε μεγάλη έπιτυχία καί τó Δ. 'Μπρούκεν εύχαριστεί όλους όσους έψήφισαν.



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